



THE K9 TIMES

"DOGS ARE NOT OUR WHOLE LIFE, BUT THEY MAKE OUR LIVES WHOLE." (R. CARAS)

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YES, YOU CAN AVOID A DOG BITE WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW COULD RESULT IN A BITE

More than 4.5 million dog bites happen every year in just the United States alone according to the CDC (compared to just 500,000 bites in Canada). The two most common victims of dog bites are children and the elderly.



The good news is that dogs rarely bite for no reason or "out of the blue." Keep reading to learn **why** dogs bite and **how** to avoid becoming a victim of a traumatic bite.

LEAVE A DOG ALONE THESE 8 TIMES (SEE "ONE MINUTE DOG TIP" ON RIGHT)

WHY DOGS BITE

Dogs bite as a reaction to something and **any** dog is capable of biting if they:

- Feel threatened, scared or the need to protect themselves or their puppies.
- Feel startled by sudden loud noises or unexpected actions.
- Feel sick, sore or pain.
- Feel a human is fearful.
- Feel overexcited.

HOW TO PREVENT A DOG BITE

If you are a dog owner, take the time and effort to socialize your dog early on to **all kinds** of people, children, animals, noises and situations **before** bad habits are formed like possessiveness, anxiety, fear or aggression.

K9 BODY LANGUAGE: PREVENTING BITES (SEE INFOGRAPHIC ON REVERSE)

Before getting a family dog or spending time around dogs, properly educate yourself, your family and **especially** small children to:



- Never tease or provoke a dog.
- Never approach a strange dog.
- Properly approach and pet a dog.
- Respect all dogs **and** their space.
- Stay calm and confident around dogs.
- Never force your attention on a dog especially one who appears anxious or fearful because doing so could easily provoke a bite.

- Recognize and respond appropriately to K9 body language cues.

(Sources: AVMA.org; CDC.gov; CanineJournal.com; DogBiteLaw.com and DogsBite.org)



THE ONE MINUTE DOG TIP 8 TIMES TO LEAVE A DOG ALONE

While **most** dogs love attention **most** of the time, here **are** 8 scenarios where you **should** leave a dog alone to avoid provoking a bite.

Avoid a dog when they are:

- Trying to hide or avoid you.
- On the other side of a fence.
- Growling, snapping or barking.
- Sleeping, eating or playing with a toy.
- Not with their owner; or the owner has not given you permission to approach/pet the dog.
- With their puppies.
- A service dog.
- Sick, injured or in pain.

(Sources: AVMA.org and CDC.gov)

A DOG CAN'T THINK THAT MUCH ABOUT WHAT HE'S DOING, HE JUST DOES WHAT FEELS RIGHT.
(BARBARA KINGSOLVER, AUTHOR)



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AT A GLANCE: UNDERSTANDING K9 BODY LANGUAGE TO AVOID A BITE

(POST ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR AS A HANDY REMINDER)



- > TURNING THE HEAD AWAY
- > RETREATING
- > BARKING
- > HIDING



- EXCESSIVE:
- > LICKING
 - > PANTING
 - > YAWNING



- > WHALE EYES / HALF MOON EYES

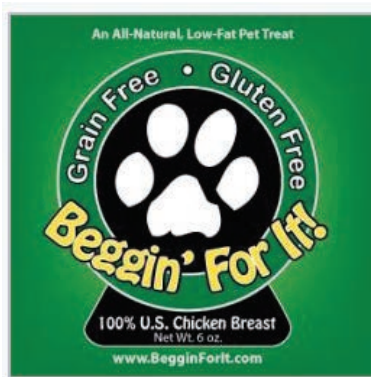


- > TAIL TUCKED IN BETWEEN THE LEGS
- > EARS PULLED BACK AGAINST THE HEAD

To learn more about reading a dog's body language, go to the AVMA website (www.AVMA.org) and search for "How To Read Dog Body Language."

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CANINE FIRST AID BASICS

HELP! MY DOG IS ANXIOUS & FEARFUL!



Anxious, insecure and fearful dogs are the first to bite when they feel overwhelmed or threatened.

Below are some natural options and remedies you can try to help your dog relax.

K9 Massage can help calm, relax and heal your dog's body and mind (add some essential oils too).

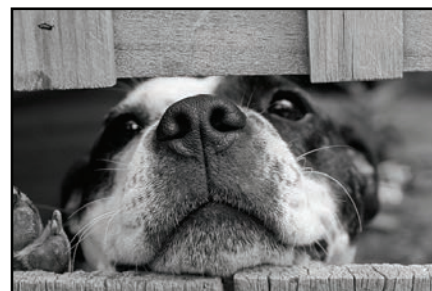
Dietary Changes, Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine are all potential remedies to effectively address K9 fear and anxiety.

Herbal Remedies, Aromatherapy & Essential Oils (like lavender and chamomile) can be soothing, calming and help promote sleep.

The More You Know

Not ALL canine anxiety or fear is behavioral. First check with your vet to rule out **any** underlying medical issues .

(Sources: DogsNaturallyMagazine.com & Whole-Dog-Journal.com)



CHICKEN DOG TREATS

We **love** simple recipes with simple ingredients that are probably already in our kitchen!

These chicken dog treats are **guaranteed** to please even the pickiest of dogs with an added bonus of parsley to help with unwanted, flower-wilting dog breath!

"Bone" Appétit!

CHICKEN DOG TREATS

- 1 cup cooked, finely diced chicken
- 1/2 cup rice, cooked and mashed
- 3 tablespoons rice flour
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- 1 egg

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Mix all ingredients in a large bowl until well combined.

Spoon into your favorite K9-inspired molds and bake for 20-30 minutes or until tops are golden brown.

Cool before removing from molds. Store in the refrigerator.

(Source: Kolchakpuggle.com)



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