



# Dogs in the Community: What should you do to prevent bites?





# Are all dogs the same?





# Dog bites: Let's prevent them!





# Why do dogs bite?





# What do you do when you see an owned dog?

- Avoid
  - Let the owner and dog pass

Or

- Ask if you can pet the dog



# How to meet an owned dog?

## Step 1: Always Ask the owner

- If the owner says yes, approach the dog slowly leaving space between you and the dog.
- Crouch down to the dog's level.



## How to meet an owned dog?

**Step 2: Allow the dog to come up to you and sniff you.**

- If the dog is ok, slowly extend your hand a few inches towards the dog
- Let the dog come to you and sniff you



## How to meet an owned dog?

### Step 3:

- If the dog is ok, pet dog on the chest or shoulder slowly and gently.



## How to meet an owned dog?

- If the dog moves away or cowers, do not pet the dog.
- Do not reach over the dog's head or pet the head
- Never pull the ears or tail



# Let's Review: How to meet an owned dog

## Step 1: Ask the owner



## Step 2: Let the dog approach you and sniff



## Step 3: If ok, pet the dog's chest or shoulder gently and slowly





## Remember

- Only go up to dogs that are on a leash with an adult
- Always ask first before going up to a dog
- Let the dog approach you and sniff you
- If the dog is ok, slowly pet it
- Stay calm and talk quietly to it
- When you leave, walk away slowly





**What do you do if there is a loose or stray dog near you?**

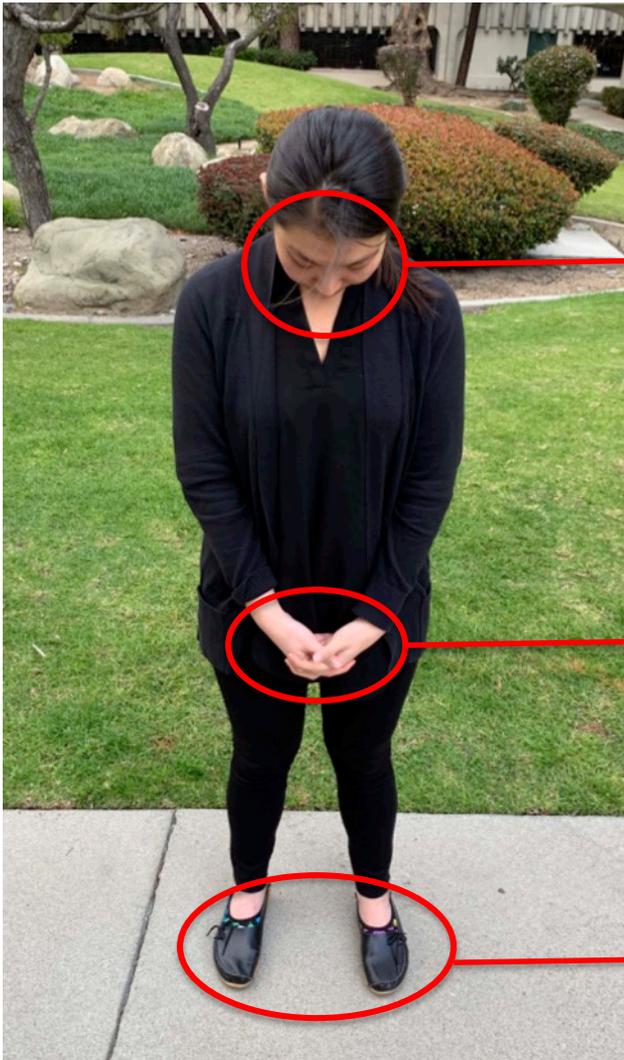


**1. STAY AWAY**

**2. Do NOT run away**

**3. If it comes up to you, act like a tree**

## Act like a tree



**1) Look down. Do not look at the dog**

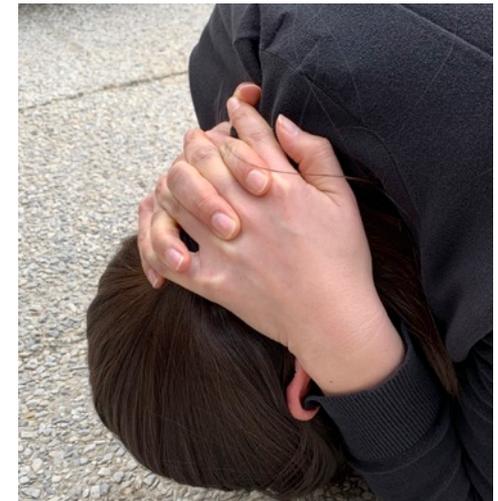
**2) Fold hands together.**

**3) Plant feet firmly on the ground and stay still.**

# What if the dog jumps on you and knocks you down?

Be a rock!

1. Curl up
2. Tuck your head down
3. Cover your neck with your hands





# What have we learned? Let's practice!





# Questions?

