

Dog Bite Prevention Activity Worksheet



Dear Parent/Teacher:

Did you know that 50 percent of all children in the United States will be bitten by a dog before their 12th birthday? Did you know that 650,000 bites a year are severe enough to require medical treatment, while 1 to 2 million go unreported?

The vast majority of dog bites are from a dog known

to the child — his or her own pet, a neighbor's or friend's. You can help prevent this from happening to your child. Please discuss with him or her the appropriate way to behave around dogs. The following activity will help you and your child understand the difference between safe and potentially dangerous interactions with dogs.

Activity

- 1) Read and sign the Bite Prevention Safety Pledge (below) with your child.
- 2) Let your child have fun with the activity sheet on the other side of the page.
- 3) Review the answers and recite the pledge again.



I Pledge That:

- I will not stare into a dog's eyes.
- I will not tease dogs behind fences.
- I will not go near dogs chained up in yards.
- I will not touch a dog I see loose (off-leash) outside.
- If I see a loose dog, I will tell an adult immediately.
- I will not run and scream if a loose dog comes near me.
- I will stand very still (like a post), and will be very quiet if a dog comes near me.
- I will not touch or play with a dog while he or she is eating.
- I will not touch a dog when he or she is sleeping.
- I will only pet a dog if I have received permission from the dog's owner.
- Then I will ask permission of the dog by letting him sniff my closed hand.

Child's Signature



Parent's/Teacher's Signature

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