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Children and Dogs

Just like we teach children to be polite with people it is important for them to learn to be polite with dogs as well. Children should always be taught to ask permission before patting any unknown dog and learn to understand dog body language and respect their personal space. **ALWAYS SUPERVISE.**

How Kids SHOULD NOT Interact with Dogs

It's common sense. Just imagine how people should interact with each other.

Avoid taking people's food



Avoid bothering dogs when they are eating



Avoid stealing other people's toys



Avoid taking a dog's bones or toys



Avoid putting your face right up to someone else's face



Avoid putting your face right up to a dog's face



Avoid bothering when asleep



Avoid bothering animals when they are resting. Let sleeping dogs lie.



Avoid pestering



Avoid grabbing tail/ears



Avoid climbing on or trampling



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Avoid pinching



Avoid hugging. Most dogs dislike it.



Avoid screaming around



Avoid hollering and shouting. Use your "inside" voice instead.



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How to Greet a Dog (and What to Avoid)

Appropriate greetings are common sense. Imagine if someone greeted you the way many people greet dogs!

Human to Human INCORRECT



Avoid reaching into their safety zone.



Avoid rushing up.



Avoid interactions without asking.



Avoid staring at people. This is scary.



Avoid looming over.



Avoid reaching into personal space.



Avoid close interaction if the person is afraid of you.



Avoid touching inappropriately.

Human to Dog INCORRECT



Avoid reaching in or towards the dog's car.



Avoid rushing up.



Avoid interacting with unfamiliar dogs, especially if they're tied up.



Avoid staring at the dog or approaching head-on.



Avoid leaning over or towards dogs even when you change position to squat or get up.



Avoid reaching your hand out for the dog to sniff.



Avoid petting if the dog looks nervous or tense. Just admire him instead.

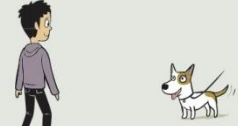


Avoid hugging, kissing, and patting roughly. This is too familiar and disliked by many dogs.

Human to Dog CORRECT



Stand a safe distance away so that you are not a threat.



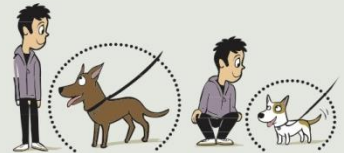
Approach slowly (at a relaxed walk).



Ask if you can interact first.



Approach sideways and look using your peripheral vision.



Stay outside the dog's bubble and present your side to the dog.



Let the dog approach at his own rate.



It's OK to pet the dog if he looks relaxed, comes up to you, and solicits your attention by rubbing against you.



Pet gently.

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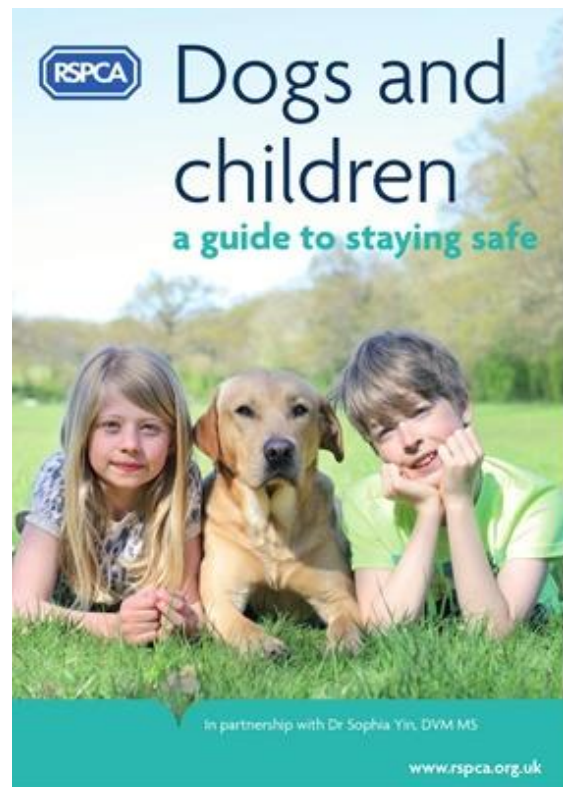
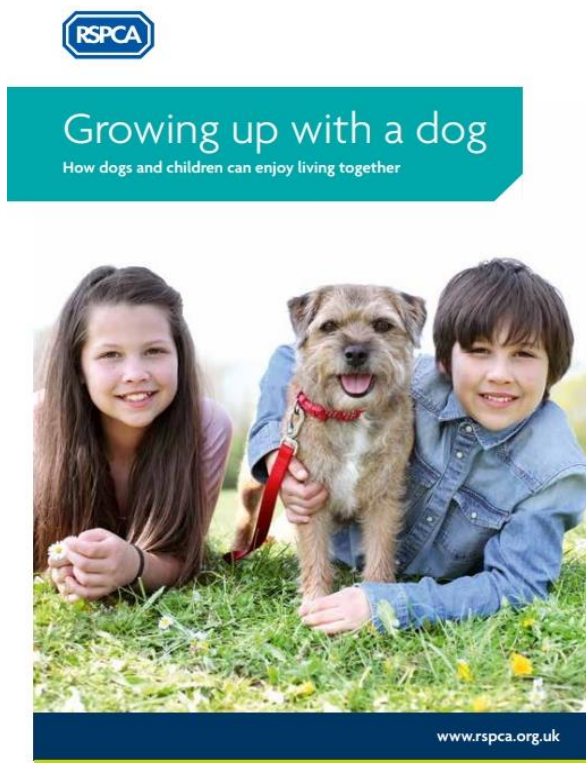
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Videos for Kids - [Dog Safety](#) , [Dogs You Know](#) , [Strange Dogs](#) , [Pokemon Go](#) , [I Speak Doggie](#) , [I CAN...Be Safe Around Animals](#) , [How to kiss a dog](#) , [Dog Stars](#) , [Dog Body Language](#) , [Dog Body Language 101](#) , [Dog training for kids – Sit](#) , [Dogs! Learning about Dog Facts for Kids](#)

Resources for parents –

Video: [The Truth About Kids & Dogs](#) , [Stop the 77](#) , [Parents, You Can Prevent Dog Attacks In Kids!](#) ,

Websites: [Your Dogs Friend](#), [RSPCA](#), [DOGUE](#), [Teach children how to interact with pets safely](#), [Bow Wow Meow](#), [K9 of Mine](#),

Tips:

- Never punish a growl, it is a warning signal. Punishment only stops the dog from communicating and the next time you will get a bite without the warning signal.
- When your dog steals your kid's toys teach them to come to you and you can get it back for them.
- Teach kids to drop food or feed with an open hand. This will avoid any unintentional mouthing.
- When kids and dogs play as parents we need to manage the excitement level. Too much excitement often results in mistakes, and tears.