

If you observe an aggressive or threatening dog, go to the nearest house of someone you know and have them call Animal Services.

Animal Services 905-623-7651

Babies and small children require adult supervision around any dog, even their own.

I'm Having a "Bad Dog" Day!

Remember that all animals can have bad days. Sometimes they are sick, injured, afraid or just hot. Different dogs react differently to various situations, so always be cautious, especially around dogs that you don't know.

Parents Teach Your Children Well!

All parents tell their children to avoid strangers and not to take anything from strangers, but most parents don't teach their children what to do around strange dogs.

Parents must teach their children the importance of treating dogs with respect, ensuring children understand what to do when they encounter a stray or aggressive dog.

When a new dog is introduced to your home, observe the dog carefully and teach appropriate behaviour to both the dog and your children. A trainer can be a valuable asset to you and your children.

Your veterinarian can give some great tips on general care, health and vaccines for your new animal. Parents should check to ensure that neighbourhood children don't tease your dog.

Do You?

Do you allow your children to play at a friend's or neighbour's house with a dog present? If so, do you make inquiries as to where the dog will be kept when your child is there? Is the dog up to date on its shots?

If you inquire about day care for your child, do you ask if they have a dog? How old is it? How

long has it been around children? Does an adult supervise when the children and the dog are present? Do they keep the dog separate from the children? Is the dog fully vaccinated? Has the dog had any obedience training?

Did You Know?

1. That spayed and neutered dogs are less likely to bite and live happier and longer lives.
2. That dogs who aren't properly socialized as puppies are more unstable and likely to bite.
3. That unsupervised dogs can pick up bad habits such as digging and barking. Tying up dogs only makes matters worse.
4. Dogs behave differently when the owners aren't around.
5. That a qualified trainer cannot only break a dog of bad habits, but promote good healthy lifetime habits.
6. That yearly veterinary check-ups will help avoid these "bad dogs" days.
7. That your local Municipality has qualified people who can help answer your dog questions and steer you in the right direction on adoptions and the enforcement of by-laws that relate to dogs.
8. That 58% of all dog bites occur on the dog owner's property.
9. That 29% of all dog bites on public property occur when the dog is leashed and under control of the owner.
10. That only 13% of all dog bites on public property occur when the dog is running at large or not leashed.

For more information please contact Clarington Animal Services at 905-623-7651



DOG BITE

PREVENTION

GUIDE

If you Know the Facts on How a Dog Acts You Can Avoid Attacks!



When do Dogs Bite?

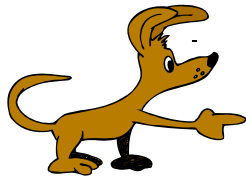
When a Dog is Sleeping!

Don't disturb a dog who is sleeping because it may become frightened.



When a Dog Doesn't Know You!

When You Touch a Dog's Tail!



When a Dog is Eating!

Don't approach or take a dog's toy or bowl. Never tease a dog.



When You Wear A Hat!

Some dogs don't like hats, sunglasses and uniforms, remove these items around stray dogs.



When a Dog is Old!

Older dogs are easily irritated or frightened

A Dog's guardian is responsible for preventing bites. If you dog bites someone, you can be prosecuted under the Dog Owner's Liability act. This can result in a fine, restrictions on your dog's freedom, or even a death sentence for the dog.

When You Crowd or Corner a Dog!



When a Dog Has Puppies!

When You Touch a Dog's Ears!



What If A Dog Comes At Me?



Don't Run, Stand Straight!

Don't stare at a stray dog. All the dog to sniff you but don't make fast movement. Once the dog has left,

Go Quickly to the Nearest Home of Some You Know And tell an adult what happened.

