

Approaching an Unknown Dog

Safety

- Assess dog's behavior prior to approach
- Use extreme caution when entering dog's territory or cornering shy dog

Tools

- Food
- Toys
- Leash
- Snappy snare
- Net
- Gloves
- Control Pole

Approach

General

- Side approach
- Talk softly
- Extend hand
- Kneel down
- Call gently, whistle, ask to sit

Friendly dog

- Kneel down
- Apply leash or snappy snare
- Side approach (avoid downward motion)

Shy dog

- Sit or kneel quietly for a while
- Softly talk with dog
- Offer food—biscuits
- Gently from below, apply leash or snappy snare

Aggressive dog

- Use control pole—keep low and in front of you (or hide low at your side) when approaching
- Keep low and below dog's head
- Slip noose up over dog's head

- Lead by pushing dog ahead of you or lead at side

Transport

All dogs

- Always secure head with leash
- Support belly and lift into truck

Shy, aggressive, or injured dogs

- Wrap
- Muzzle
- Lift (support hind end) or walk up ramp

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