How to Avoid Dog Bites

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If a growling dog gets close to you, pretend to be a tree: stand still with your hands at your side. Allow the dog to sniff you and it will usually go away.

If a nervous dog gets close to you:

Freeze...
look only at the ground...
walk backwards very slowly...

If bitten:

- Immediately wash thoroughly with soap and running water for 10 minutes
- Go to a hospital
- Isolate the dog (or remember what the dog looks like)

Do not run or move quickly near dogs!

Do not look a dog straight in the eye!

Do not turn and run!
Keep Your Dog Healthy & Happy

**Vaccinate Against Rabies**
When you get a dog or cat, immediately consult a veterinarian or public health official for the recommended schedule of anti-rabies vaccination.

**Anti-Rabies Vaccination Certificate**

**Animal Birth Control**
There are too many dogs and cats. This overpopulation can contribute to rabies outbreaks. If you have a dog or cat, immediately consult a veterinarian about Animal Birth Control measures to prevent unwanted puppies and kittens.

Animal Birth Control will also keep your dogs and cats healthier and better behaved.

Be Sensitive and Kind to Dogs and Protect Yourself!

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Never disturb a dog that is eating, sleeping or caring for puppies. Dogs may bite if startled or frightened. Do not throw sticks or stones at a dog.

Do not get close to a dog which is tied or behind a fence.

Do not get close to small puppies - the mother may bite to protect her puppies.