

Do not run or move quickly near dogs!



Do not look a dog straight in the eye!

#### If a nervous dog gets close to you:



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



### **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 dog attacks, assume a position of a rock. Curl into a ball and protect your face and body.





- -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)

# 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.



#### **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.

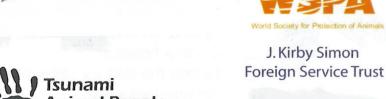
Anti-Rabies

Vaccination

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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.

