

# Keys to Supervising Dogs and Kids

There are an estimated 800,000 Americans seeking medical attention for **dog bites** each year, with over half of these injuries to children ages 5-9. **The problem is not lack of supervision.**

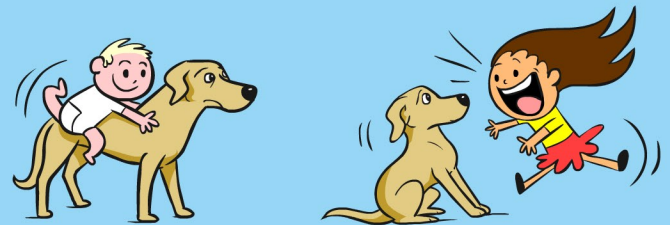
The problem is no one has taught parents what they should be watching for.

**Intervene when any of these things are happening:**

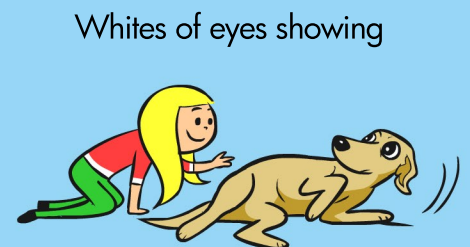
## 1. Tense canine body language



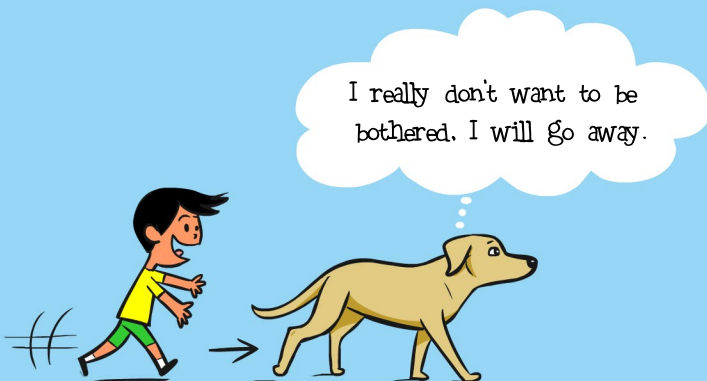
## 2. Inappropriate human behavior



## 3. Three really-easy-to-see stress signals in your dog



## 4. Avoidance behaviors



## 5. Growling



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# How Kids SHOULD NOT Interact with Dogs

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

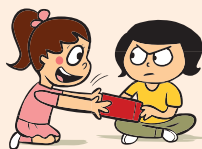
Avoid taking people's food



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



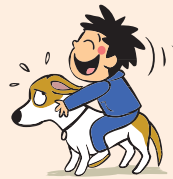
Avoid grabbing tail/ears



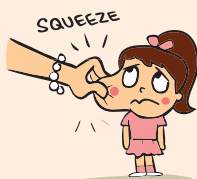
Avoid climbing on or trampling



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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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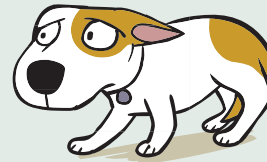
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Use common sense.

Be polite and kind to pets

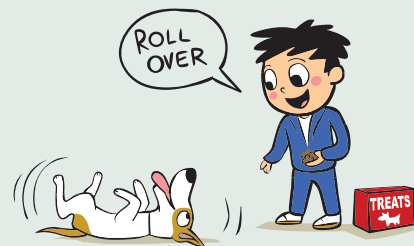
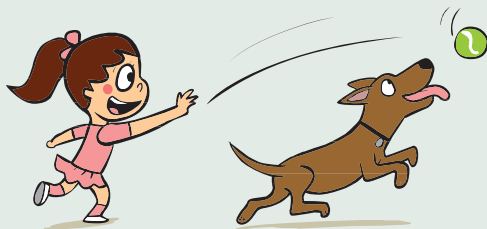


Learn to recognize when your dog is scared or anxious



Play appropriate games with pets, such as:

Fetch



Training tricks (like roll over, shake, beg, etc.)

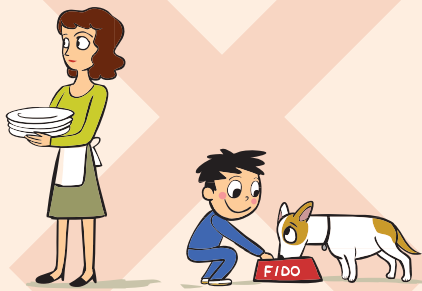
Walking and running with a dog



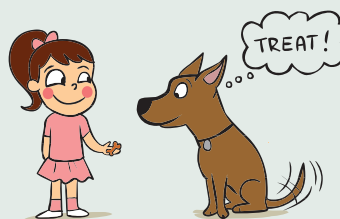
Playing hide-n-seek

Always remember:

**Supervise all interactions. Accidents can happen in a split second.**



Train your dog to associate the kids with positive experiences so he'll be more likely to tolerate your child in case she accidentally interacts inappropriately.



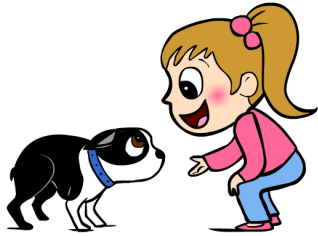
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# The Young Person's Guide To **WOOFS** and **GROWLS**

Dogs are different to people. Clarissa will show us what to do - and what not to do around dogs.



**Never** put your face near a dog's face.



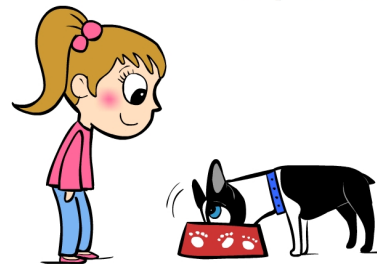
**Be quiet** and walk slowly. Dogs get scared of loud noises and fast movement.



**Always wait** for a dog to come to you. If they want to be stroked or play, they will ask!



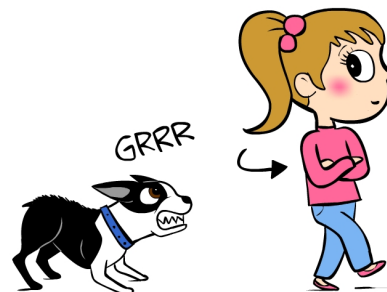
**Never** disturb dogs when they are sleeping.



**Never** go up to a dog when they are eating.



**Never** go up to or touch a dog you don't know.



Dogs growl when they are angry or scared.  
Fold your arms and **walk away slowly**.