Dog Safety Pledge
Unscramble the words below and make a pledge to stay safe with dogs.

1. I will not stare directly into a dog’s ________ (yese)
2. I will not chase or touch a dog who I see ______ (eolso) outside.
3. If a loose dog comes near me, I will not _____ (nru) and scream, but I will stand very still like a ______ (eter).
4. If I get knocked down by a dog, I will curl up like a ______ (ocrk) and stay calm.
5. I will not pet or tease a dog who is behind a ______(efnce) or in a _____ (rac).
6. I will not try to pet or play with a dog who is ______ (pneslegi) or __________ (etgain).
7. I will only pet a dog after asking for permission from the dog’s __________ (aludt).
8. I will pet a dog gently on his ________ (cabk) or side, not on his face or _________ (deha).
9. I will treat my dog with __________ (recstep) and not pull or lay on him, tease or hit him, or put my _________ (acef) in his face.
10. I will not wrap my arms around my dog’s neck to show affection. Dogs do not like ______ (ghus)!

Word Box:

rock back eyes sleeping respect
car hugs adult loose eating
fence tree run head face

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Look for the signs below that you are meeting a Happy Dog!

This happy dog is ready to meet you if the adult with you and the adult holding the leash say it’s okay. Let the dog approach when they feel comfortable. If a loose dog knocks you down, roll into a rock and cover your ears, face, and head with your hands and arms. If a loose dog comes up to you, hold out anything you have in front of you. If a loose dog comes near you, stand very still, like a tree. Bend your arms, put your fists under your chin, and look straight ahead. If a loose dog knocks you down, roll into a rock and cover your ears, face, and head with your hands and arms.

Loose Dog Safety

Stay safe when you see a loose dog. Do not run or scream!

Only pet happy dogs!

Happy Dog!

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Safe or Unsafe?

Before approaching a dog, even one you know well, you should always look at their body language and what they are doing to decide if it’s safe!

Be a Dog Detective!

For each picture below, decide if it is a good time to pet the dog. If you think it is safe to pet the dog, circle YES, and if you think it is unsafe to pet the dog, circle NO.

1. Yes No
2. Yes No
3. Yes No
4. Yes No
5. Yes No
6. Yes No
7. Yes No
8. Yes No
9. Yes No

How are these dogs feeling?

Match the correct emotion with the dog based on the dog’s body language.

- Excited
- Scared
- Angry
- Playful
- Happy
How To Meet a New Dog

Pick the safe and unsafe way to meet a new dog.

1. Unsafe
2. Safe
3. Unsafe
4. Unsafe
5. Safe
6. Unsafe

1. Ask your adult
2. Ask the dog’s adult
3. Ask the dog

Color the safest place to pet the dog in the color green.