

## First Aid for Dog Bites



All dog bites must be reported immediately to The City of Calgary Animal Services (268-CITY) for investigation.

- Disinfect the wound by washing with soap and water
- Loosely cover the bite with gauze
- See a Doctor as soon as possible
- Ask the Doctor if he recommends a tetanus injection

## Reporting Procedures for The City of Calgary Animal Services



The following information is useful:

- Date and time of incident
- Where the incident occurred
- Where the dog lives
- Breed of dog
- Size of dog
- Color of dog
- Identifying features of the dog
- Did the dog have a collar, tag or licence?

## Paws-Fur-Fun! Online Learning



For an educational, interactive website teaching the role of Animal Services in the community, safety around dogs and responsible pet ownership, visit our Web site at: [www.calgary.ca/animalservices](http://www.calgary.ca/animalservices) — click on Public Education.

## For a school



### presentation contact:

Public Education Advisor

268-2002

For general information about Animal Services, preventing dog bites, or our PAWS for Safety Dog Bite programs:

## Contact:



The City of Calgary

Animal Services

Public Education Advisors:

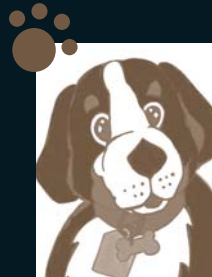
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# Dog Bite Prevention



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*The role of The City of Calgary Animal Services is to ensure Calgary is a place where pets, their owners and neighbours live in safety and harmony.*

These goals are achieved through:

- Promoting responsible pet ownership
- Enforcing animal related bylaws
- Public education
- Presentations: The PAWS for Safety Dog Bite Prevention Program
- Caring for animals impounded under the bylaws
- Cat and dog adoption programs
- Volunteer animal socialization programs

### PAWS for Safety Dog Bite Prevention School Program

Since 1999, Animal Services has been providing interactive safety presentations to students in ECS through Grade 6. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of dog bite incidents by teaching students safe behavior around dogs.

**Please read these tips, as they are applicable for all ages. If your child had a presentation at school today, please help us by reviewing these concepts with them.**

### Stray dogs:

- Often frightened and unpredictable — so stay away as they can bite
- Don't pet or approach the dog — even if it's a dog you know as it could bite
- Stay away from a dog tied up outside a school or store as it is often frightened and can bite
- Teach children to tell an adult
- Adults telephone Animal Services (268-CITY) to have the dog picked up and safely returned to the owner

### When a stray dog approaches a child or adult:

- Never run, yell or hit the dog
- The dog is unpredictable so **STAND LIKE A TREE**
- To **STAND LIKE A TREE**, make your hands into fists and place them under your chin. Stand still, do not speak to the dog, and look at the ground. Never stare into the dog's eyes. After sniffing you, the dog will go away because you are boring.

### If you are standing like a tree and the dog barks, growls or tries to jump on you:

- **LIE LIKE A LOG**
- **LIE LIKE A LOG** using the ground for protection. Lie face down on your stomach with your hands covering the back of your neck. Lie still and don't speak to the dog. **This is the safest position that anyone can be in.** Expect the dog to sniff you, eventually get bored and go away.
- Do not peek or get up until you are sure the dog has left

### Meeting a dog with its owner:

- Whether you are the parent of a child or a dog owner, **please help us by teaching children these 3 easy steps to meet a dog they don't know.**
1. Ask the owner's permission to pet the dog.
  2. Let the dog sniff your hand.  
Note: Don't place your hand in the dog's face.
  3. Pet the dog under the chin. Many people pet the dog on its head but this is frightening for a dog who can't see your hand.

### Safety Around Dogs

- Do not pull a dog's tail or hurt it
- Do not take away a dog's food, toys or bone
- Do not encourage aggressiveness by playing tug-of-war: play fetch instead
- Do not disturb a sleeping or eating dog
- Always keep your face away from dogs
- Teach children to pet, rather than hug a dog. A dog can bite if hugged too hard
- Children and pets should never be left unsupervised
- Never approach a dog that is with her puppies
- Dogs protect so don't get between them and their owner
- Never run away from a dog
- If you are chased while on a bike, get off the bike and keep it between you and the dog
- If trapped in a dog's back yard, slowly back out of the yard
- If a dog gets overexcited when children play, place the dog in a kennel or in another room
- Always let a dog sniff your hand prior to petting it