



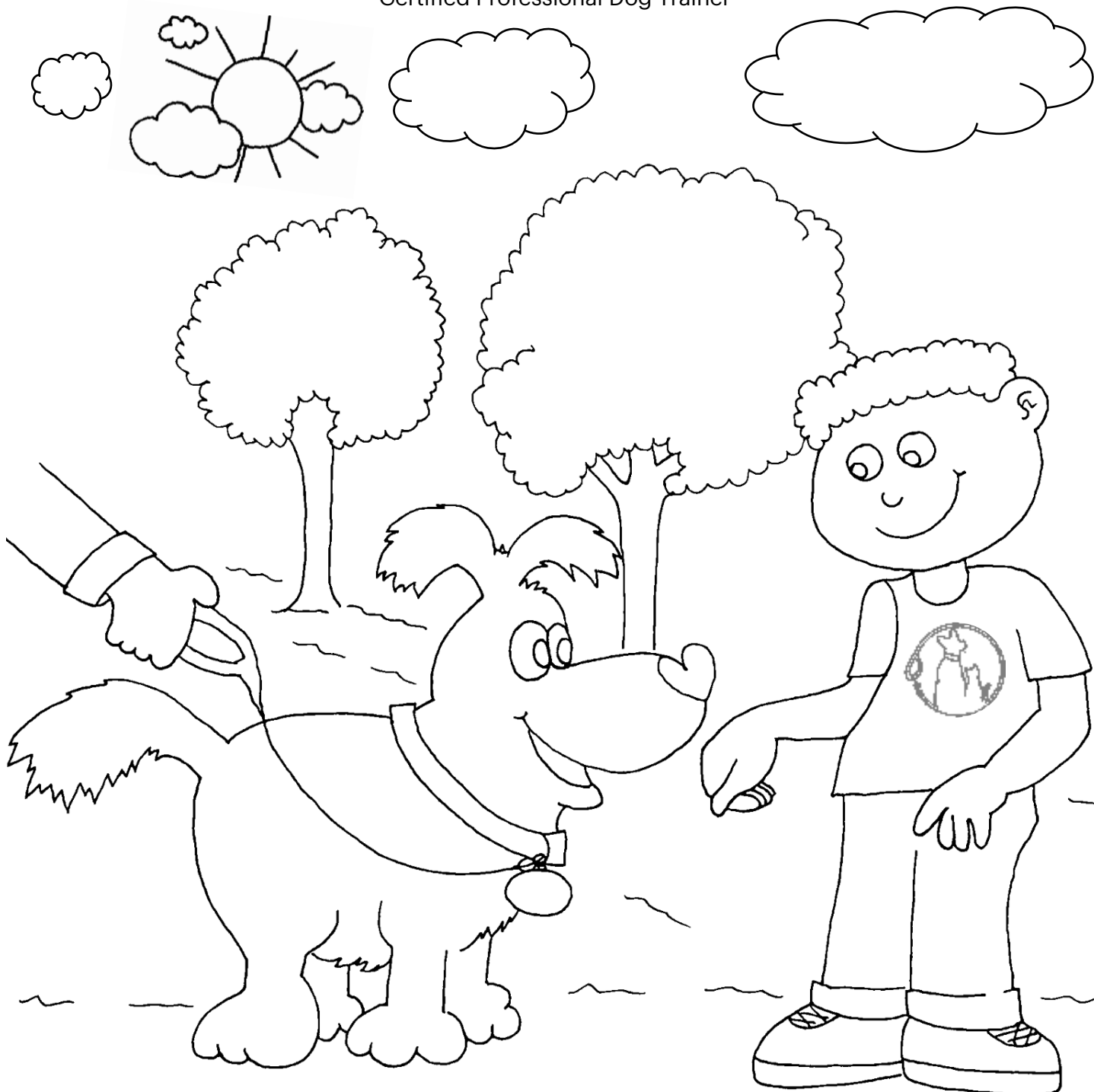
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# The Kind Canine Greeter

A Humane Education Guide Promoting Safety Around Canines.

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## Welcome!

This guide is filled with fun and thoughtful pages designed to help children become canine detectives, understand dog body language and communication, and learn puppy playtime rules and safety games. Inside, readers will explore how to give a dog a bone after a polite greeting and understand how to safely interact with dogs in different situations. Children are naturally curious about canines! Following the Kind Canine Greeter tips in this book will help keep everyone, kids and pups alike, safe, confident, and kind during every interaction.

*We encourage parents, caregivers, and guardians to join in, too! Sharing these activities and conversations together helps strengthen and reinforce important safety and communication skills and create meaningful moments that build lifelong confidence. Get started- let's learn, grow, and way our way through this lesson together! Let's learn, grow, and wag our way through this journey – together!*



*A heartfelt thank you to the families, educators, and children who are helping to create safer, kinder, and more emotionally aware communities!*

*“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”*

*– Aristotle, Greek philosopher*

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**Keep in Mind, It Is Cool to Be Kind!**

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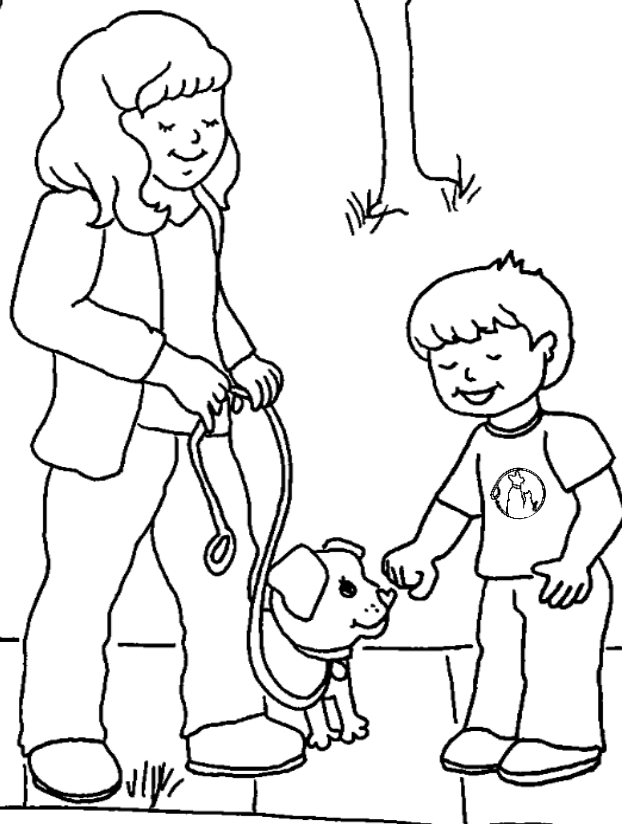
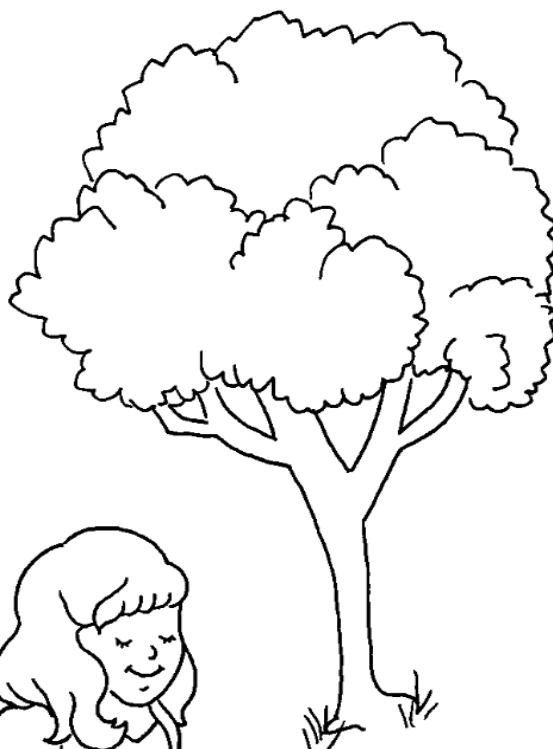
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# This Book Belongs to



My name is \_\_\_\_\_



I am a Kind Canine Greeter!



# Kindness Counts

## What is Kindness?

Kindness means being caring, helpful, and respectful to others, including animals! It's when we think about how someone else feels and try to make their day better with our words or actions. Kindness can be as simple as a smile, a gentle touch, or a friendly "hello."

## Why Does It Matter?

Kindness makes the world a better, safer place! When we are kind, we help others feel happy, safe, and accepted. Kindness builds trust and friendship. It also helps us work better with others, solve problems peacefully, and feel good about ourselves, too!

Dogs have feelings just like people do. They can feel happy, scared, excited, or nervous. Being kind to dogs means respecting their space, learning to read their body language, and always asking before you pet.

Watch how a dog is acting.

Ask the owner before saying hello.

Wait calmly and let the dog come to you.

Use gentle voices and slow, soft hands.

These are all kind ways to greet a dog, and they help dogs feel safe and comfortable!



Kindness isn't just what you do, it's *how* you do it.

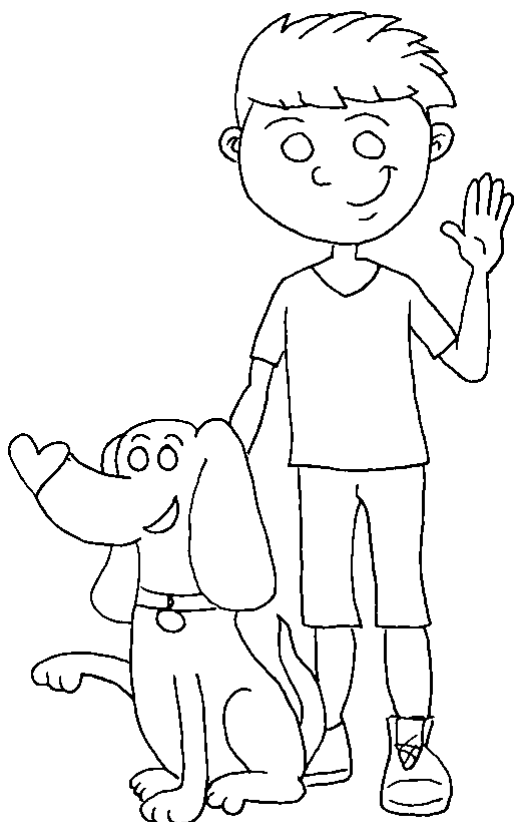
When you greet dogs with kindness, you're showing them you're a trusted friend!



# Kind Greetings

## Ways to Ask for Petting Permission

Before you say hello to a dog, always ask the owner first. This shows kindness and respect for both the dog and the person.



### You can say:

"May I pet your dog, please?"

"Is it okay to say hi to your dog?"

"Can I meet your dog?"

If the owner says no, that's okay! Some dogs might be scared, tired, or still learning.

You can be proud for asking first, that's what a Kind Canine Greeter does. High-five!

### Ways to Say Hello

Dogs don't use words like we do, so it's important to greet them in a calm, kind, and gentle way.

Try this:

Stand still like a tree.

Let the dog come to you.

Hold out your hand slowly, palm down or fist out.

Use a quiet voice and slow movements.

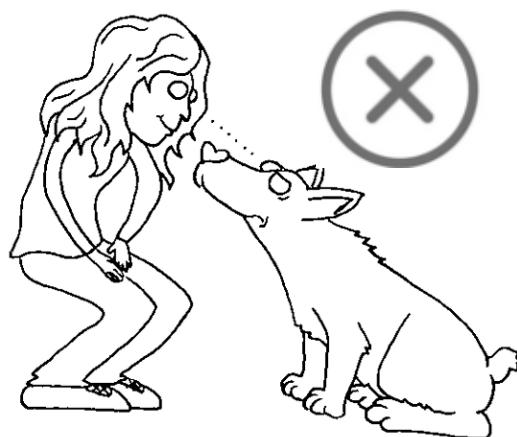
If the dog seems relaxed and curious, they might sniff you or wag their tail. That means you're doing great!

**Always ask the owner before you pet a dog.  
That's the kind canine greeter way.**

## It is Rude to Stare!

Would you like it if someone stared right into your face without asking? Probably not! Dogs don't like it either! Looking directly into a dog's eyes for too long can feel scary or threatening to them. Instead, look gently at their ears, shoulders, or chest. That's a kind way to let them know you're friendly.

Long looks can be at ears, tail, or toes.





# Understanding Dogs

## Kind Canine Facts

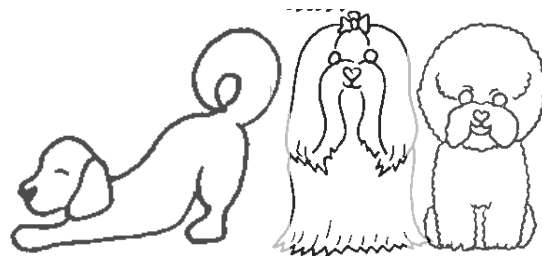
- Did you know that dogs have feelings just like people? They can be happy, scared, excited, or shy.
- A wagging tail doesn't always mean a dog is friendly. It can also mean nervousness or uncertainty. Looks at the position of the tail and the wag speed, as well as other body cues.
- Dogs communicate *mostly* with their bodies, not with their barks, their words.
- Some dogs need extra space. That doesn't mean they're mean. It just means they're learning or nervous.
- Dogs use sniffing and body language instead of words. So, we need to be dog detectives!

## How Dogs Say Hello

Dogs say "hello" with their noses! They often sniff each other's faces, ears, and especially rear ends. It may seem weird to us, but it's how they learn about each other!

They also use:

- Tail wags to show feelings
- Body posture to say if they're calm or unsure
- Play bows, front legs down, tail up, to invite fun



## History: When Dogs Became Man's Best Friend

Dogs were first tamed by humans thousands of years ago! They helped people hunt, herd animals, and keep watch. Over time, they became loving companions and family members. That's why today we call dogs "man's best friend." From ancient caves to cozy couches, dogs have been with humans for a long, long time!

## Dangerous Dog Bite Details

Dogs that bite aren't bad, but they can get scared or feel protective. That's when they might bark, growl, or even bite. Even the sweetest dog can have a bad day. That's why we always greet with kindness and care!

## It's Important to Learn How to Stay Safe By:

- Not approaching a dog without asking the owner
- Watching the dog's body language
- Giving space if the dog seems stiff, scared, or growly



# Learning Dog Body Language

## Important Canine Greeter Considerations

**Individuality:** Every dog is different just like people!

Some dogs are outgoing, others are shy. Some love cuddles, others prefer space. Get to know each dog as an individual and respect their feelings.

**Breed Differences:** Breed can affect how a dog acts, but each dog is still one-of-a-kind!

Different breeds were made for different jobs!

- Herding dogs (like Border Collies) may stare and try to control movement.
- Guarding breeds may be slower to trust strangers.
- Tiny dogs can be just as brave—or nervous—as big ones.



## Whole Body Language

Don't look at just one part of the dog, look at the whole body! A wagging tail doesn't always mean a happy dog. You must look at the eyes, ears, mouth, and posture all to understand how a dog feels.

## Never Guess or Assume

If you're not sure how a dog feels, wait and don't approach.

Never assume a dog is friendly just because it looks cute or is wagging its tail. Always check with the owner and read the dog's full body language.

## Canine Communication Body Cues

### Eyes

Soft and blinking = relaxed

Staring or wide-eyed = scared or warning

### Tail

Loose wag = friendly

Stiff or high wag = alert or unsure

Tucked = scared

### Ears

Relaxed or sideways = calm

Forward = alert or excited

Back or flat = nervous or afraid

### Muzzle = mouth (lips + nose)

Loose and open = happy

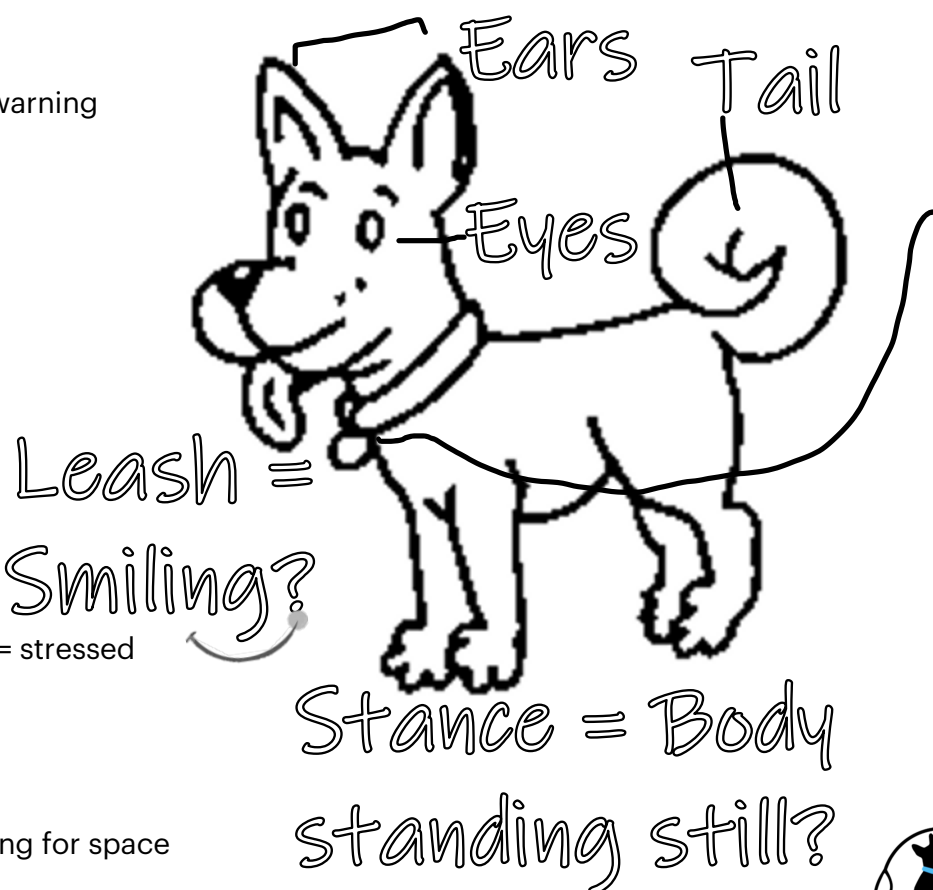
Tight, growling, or showing teeth = stressed

### Body

Wiggly = playful and relaxed

Stiff or frozen = worried or upset

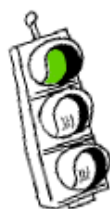
Turning away or backing up = asking for space





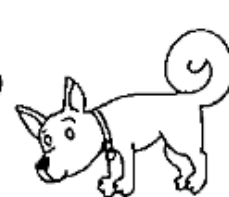
# Canine Communication

Pets communicate without words. Dogs, just like people, have feelings too! Learn what Penny the Pomeranian is trying to communicate to you with her body language.



**Go Meet,  
Good to  
Greet**

## Trusting and Relaxed



**Caution,  
Watch &  
Go Slow**

## Unsure or Nervous



**No - Stop,  
Do Not  
Greet**

## Scared, Upset, or Angry



### Different Breeds Have Various Voices

Dogs don't just bark for no reason. They use their barks to communicate and, just like people's voices can sound different when they're happy, sad, or excited, a dog's bark can change too. Dogs can learn from people. Also, some breeds are more vocal than others. Huskies often "talk" with howls, while Basenjis are known for being quiet. By paying attention to a dog's barks and body language, it's easier to understand what the dog is trying to communicate.



# The Dog Listener

## Dog Communication

Dogs communicate with us and each other using their barks and other sounds, just like people use words to talk.

Different dogs have different "voices," similar to how people have different voices. For example, small dogs such as Chihuahuas tend to have high-pitched barks, while larger dogs like Mastiffs have deeper barks.

Barks convey different messages:

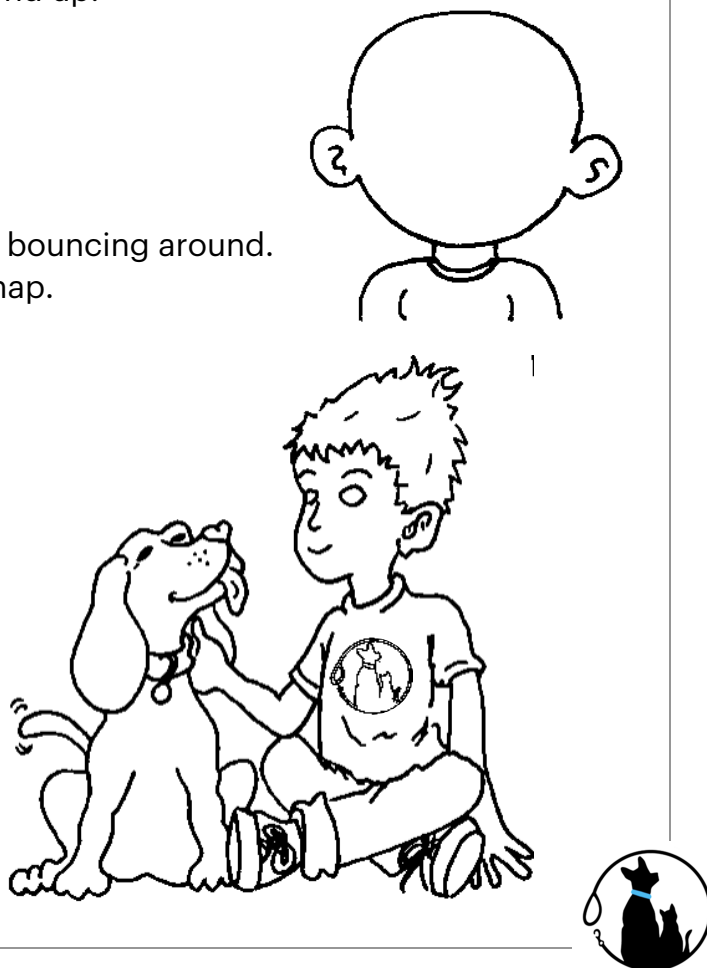
- Excitement: A high-pitched bark may indicate excitement, such as wanting to play or go for a walk.
- Alert: Rapid, repeated barking might signal the dog has noticed something unusual, like a stranger.
- Loneliness: A long bark could mean the dog is lonely and wants company.
- Request: Sometimes, a single bark while looking at you means a dog wants something, such as food or to go outside.
- Warning: A low-pitched growl or bark may indicate a dog feels threatened and wants someone to back off.
- Play: A playful bark is an invitation to play, often with a "play bow" where they lower their front while keeping their back end up.

Body language can help you understand what a dog's bark means:

- Scared: A dog may bark while crouched down with its tail tucked.
- Excited: A dog may be wagging its tail and bouncing around.
- Aggressive: A dog might stare, growl, or snap.

So, by listening closely to the sound, speed, and how often a dog barks, you can start to understand what they might be trying to say. It's like learning a secret dog language!

Dogs, like people, express emotions through body language. Learn to identify when a dog is happy, afraid, angry, or playful. To be the best dog detective, remember that ears, eyes, tail, stance, and muzzle are the clues to solve the should I greet this canine puzzle.



# Greeting Dogs by Body Language

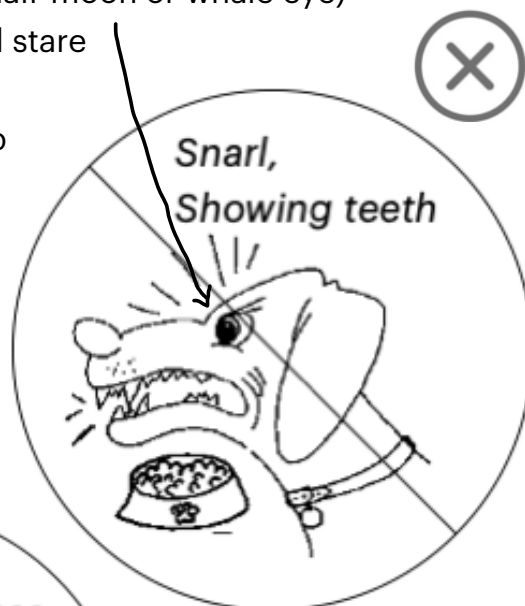
## ✓ Greet Dogs That Are

- ✓ **Eyes** relaxed, looking forward
- ✓ **Ears** in a natural position
- ✓ **Tail** relaxed down or wagging happily
- ✓ **Muzzle** and lips relaxed, no teeth showing
- ✓ **Quiet and calm** no whining, barking, or jumping
- ✓ **Standing** still, relaxed or sitting
- ✓ **With a person** and listens to or obeys them
- ✓ **On a relaxed leash** and not pulling toward you



## ⊗ Do NOT Greet Dogs That Are

- ⊗ **Eyes** wide, worried eyes or whites of their eyes (half-moon or whale eye)
- ⊗ **Ears** pinned back or standing forward with a hard stare
- ⊗ **Tail** straight up, low, or tucked under
- ⊗ **Hair** standing on the back of the neck, hackles up
- ⊗ **Muzzle** wrinkled, growling or showing teeth
- ⊗ **Barking** or whining, making noise nonstop
- ⊗ **Stance** still, stiff, body tense, or jumping
- ⊗ **Alone**, behind a fence, or in a car
- ⊗ **Pulling on a leash** or leaning in
- ⊗ **Eating**, guarding, or caring for puppies



Hackles = Raised Neck Fur



# How Dogs Show Trust



Relaxed  
Body  
Language



Physical  
Touch  
&  
Canine  
Kisses



Playful  
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Responsive



# Be a Dog Detective

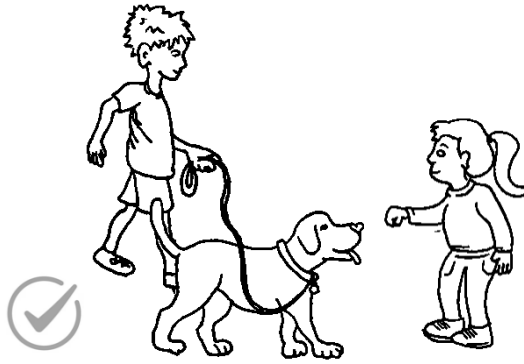
It is important to be a pet detective and learn how an animal is speaking to you. Be a dog detective to determine if the dog is okay to walk up to greet. Do not greet dogs that are scared, growling, barking, eating or feeding puppies. Remember: ears, eyes, tail, stance, and muzzle are the clues to solve the do I greet this canine puzzle.





# Kind Canine Greeter Rules

Pets communicate without words. It is important to be a pet detective and learn how an animal is speaking to you. Dogs think they own things, like their toys, their food, their house, and the people who live in it. So, you should *never* bother a dog when it's behind a fence or eating.



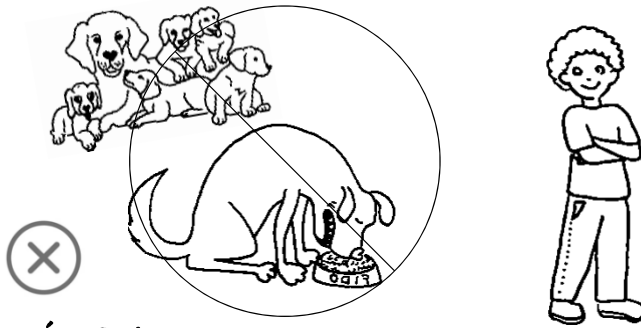
## Ask Permission, Pet Politely

Always ask to say hello to a dog. Learn to touch a dog politely. Pet gently for a few seconds then stop.



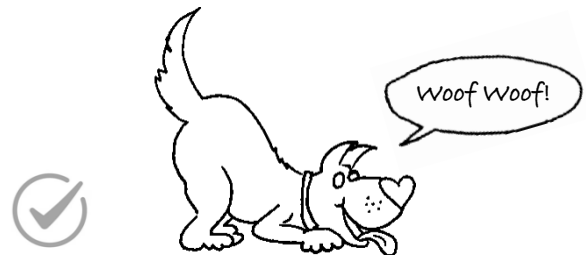
## Be Calm and Quiet

Walk, never run up to a dog while being calm and quiet. Do not use fast movements or loud sounds that may startle the dog.



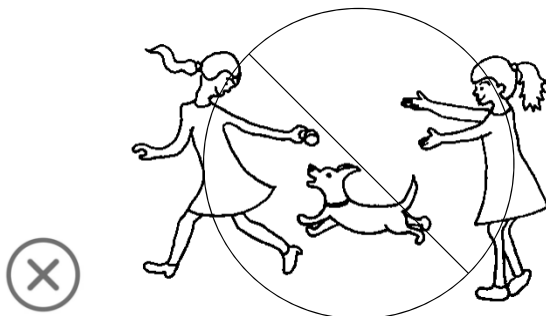
## Give Pets Space

Allow dogs to approach you and respect a dog's personal space. Do not approach a dog that is eating, sleeping, or caring for puppies.



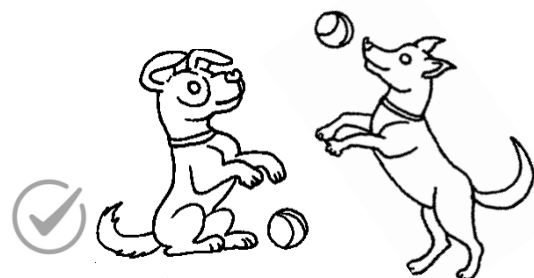
## Learn to "Speak" Dog

Learn what a dog is trying to tell you with body language.



## Do Not Tease or Trample Pets

Only use your hands to gently pat a dog, never to push, crush, shove, or strong hold.



## Play Nice

Share, avoid grabbing, or stealing from a dog. Play calmly and gently.





# ✓ How to Greet a Dog

Remember L.A.S.T. = Look, Ask, Show, Touch

## Look

### Look and Ask the Person for Permission

- Look but don't stare at the dog's body language to see if it is friendly.
- Wait slowly, do not run up to greet a dog.



## Ask

### Ask to Greet the Dog

- Ask the person, "May I please pet your dog?"

## Show

### Ask the Dog to Greet with a Sniff

- After getting permission, kneel and turn to the side, keeping your face up away from the dog's face.
- Show your closed fist for the dog to sniff. Sniffing is how dogs say "hello" and feel more comfortable around you.



## Touch

### Gentle Petting

- Once the dog seems comfortable, touch under their chin or on their chest.
- Watch for changes in body language.
- Keep your face away from a dog's.



## Walk, Do Not Run

### Walk Away

- When ready, walk away from the dog.



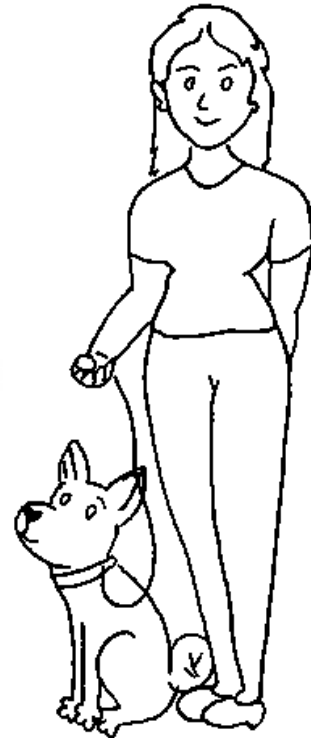
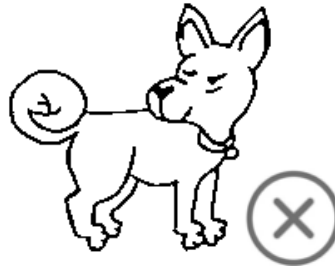
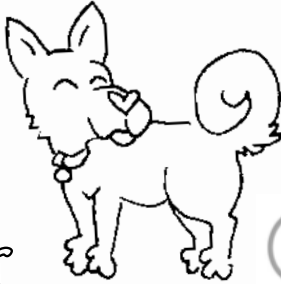
# WAIT: Review How to Greet a Dog

## Watch

Look to see if the dog is on a leash with a handler.  
Does the dog have calm body language and look friendly?

## Ask

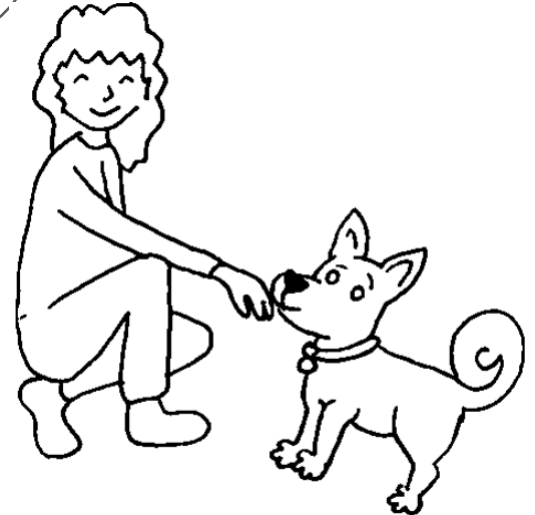
Always ask the dog's handler to greet the dog.  
Be kind and keep the handler and dog in mind.



"May I  
please pet  
your dog?"

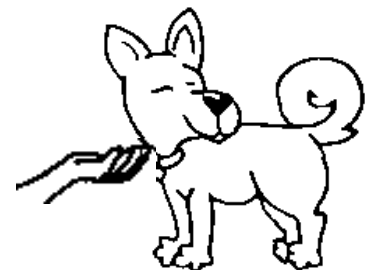
## Invite

Invite the dog to approach you after getting permission from the dog's handler. Hold out your fist for the dog to sniff. You may pat your leg or crouch down to encourage the dog to come to you.



## Touch

Touch the dog gently under the chin on the chest, the side, or the back. Be mindful reaching over a dog's head may startle it. Move slowly.

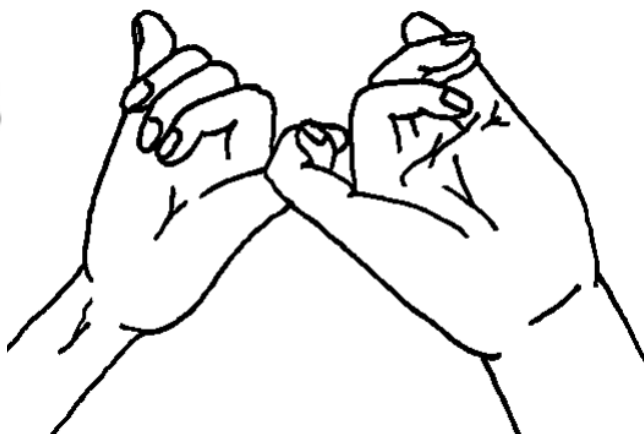


# Kind Canine Greeter Promises

Practice kindness and safety when meeting dogs. Share what you have learned with family and friends to help create a safer and friendlier environment for both people and pets! Learning to read a dog's body language and greet them safely is the best way to be a kind canine greeter.

## The Kind Canine Greeter Promises

- ☐ Always ask before I pet someone else's dog.
- ☐ Always keep my face out of a dog's face.
- ☐ Never bother a dog that is eating, sleeping, in a car, behind a fence or caring for puppies.
- ☐ If a dog jumps, I will not run. I will stand like a tree.
- ☐ If I am knocked over, I will roll into a ball until the
- ☐ dog goes away.
- ☐ I will tell an adult if a dog hurts me.



By making these promises and practicing these rules, we can help make the world safer for both dogs and people! Share what you have learned to be a **Kind Canine Greeter!**



# Dog Safety Skills



- ☐ Do not reach over a dog's head
- ☐ Do not make direct eye contact or stare at a dog
- ☐ Avoid quick movements or loud noises
- ☐ Do not hug or hold a dog that you just met

## Be Doggone Safe!

Dirty hands are not healthy or helpful. To have helpful hands, do your part in keeping them clean. Wash hands at least 20 seconds.

### When to Wash Hands

- ☐ After going to the bathroom
- ☐ Before and after a meal
- ☐ After playtime outside
- ☐ Anytime hands are dirty



### Scared Around a Pack of Pups?

If you see a large group of dogs without owners, it is okay to be scared or even cry. Try to stay calm and safely get away from the dogs. Do not stare at the dogs or run away screaming as that will encourage a chase. Use a bag or anything you have, to put between you and the dogs. If the dog jumps on you, "**stand strong like a tree**" and if you are knocked down, "**roll into a ball**",



## ⊗ When to Give Pets Space ⊗

Never Greet Dogs That are...



Sleeping,



Eating,



with Puppies,

Behind a Fence, Tied Up,



or in a Car or Carrier.







# Stop! A Stray, Loose Dog

Seeing a stray, loose dog can feel scary but knowing what to do can help keep you safe.

## If a stray dog comes near you, Be a Tree

Stand still like a tree

Keep your hands at your sides or folded in front of you

Do not run, scream, or wave your arms

Look at the ground or straight ahead, not into the dog's eyes

Standing still helps the dog lose interest.

## Use What You Have, Distract the Dog

Do you have a backpack, jacket, scooter, or bicycle?

Hold the object between you and the dog

This creates space and helps you feel more protected

Keep your body calm and still.

## Distract, Then Walk Away

Are you holding a snack or safe object?

You can gently toss it away from you

This may distract the dog

When the dog looks away, walk slowly and calmly to a safe place

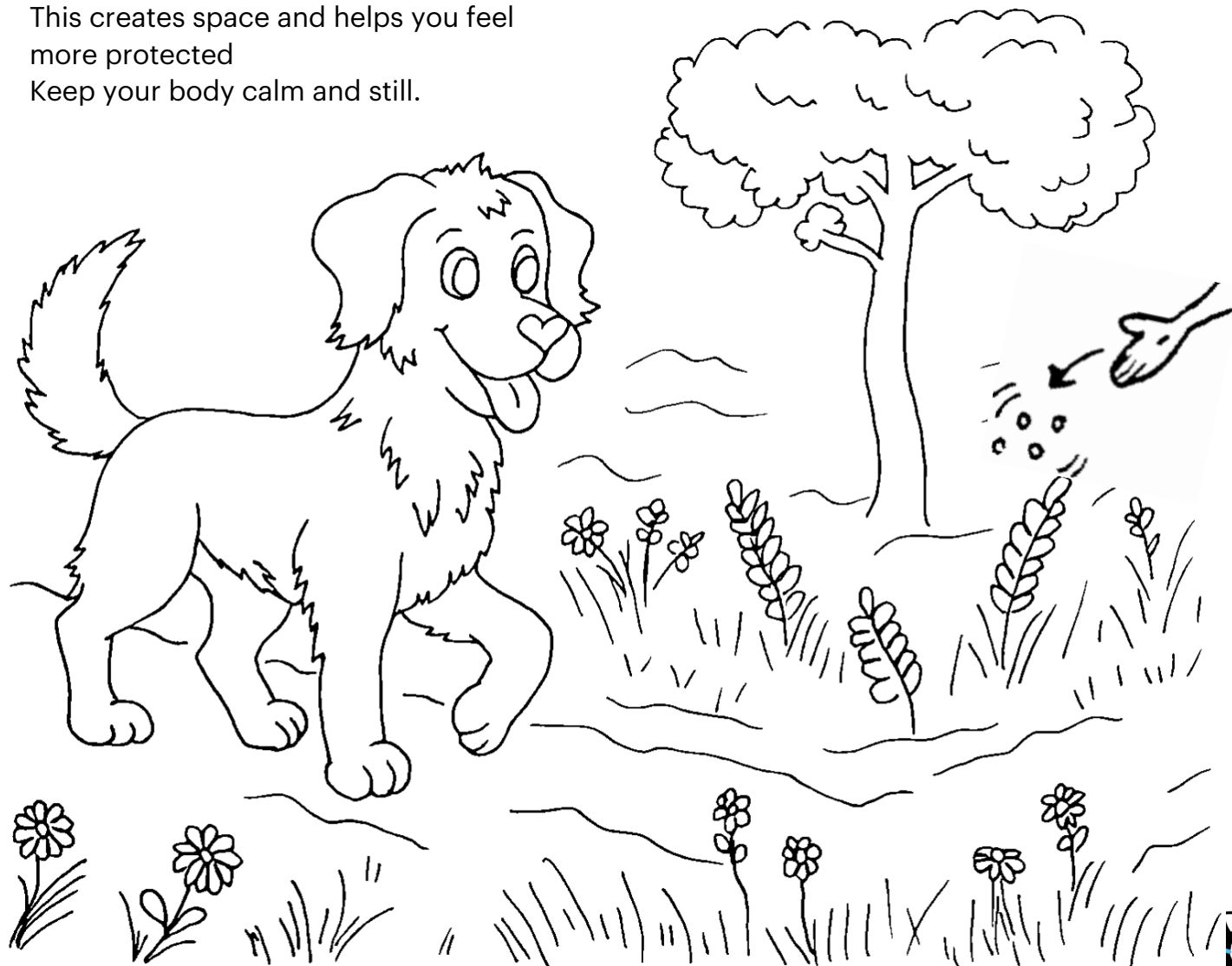
Never throw objects at a dog.

## If a dog knocks you over, Roll into a ball

Tuck your chin down

Cover your face, ears, and neck with your arms and hands

Stay very still until the dog goes away





# How to Give a Dog a Bone

## How to Give a Dog a Bone

- Teach your dog to take treats gently with an open hand.
- Say "ouch!" if they grab too hard.
- You can toss treats on the floor, too.

## Healthy Hands

- Always wash your hands after playing with or training a dog.
- Scrub under your fingernails to remove any treat crumbs.

## Helping Hands

- Helping hands offer kindness to both dogs and people.
- Share what you have learned about greeting dogs with others!

## Hand Rules

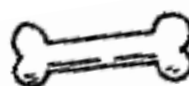
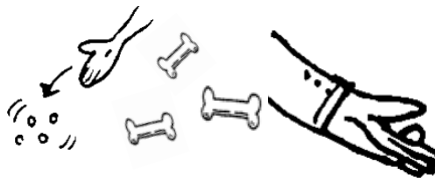
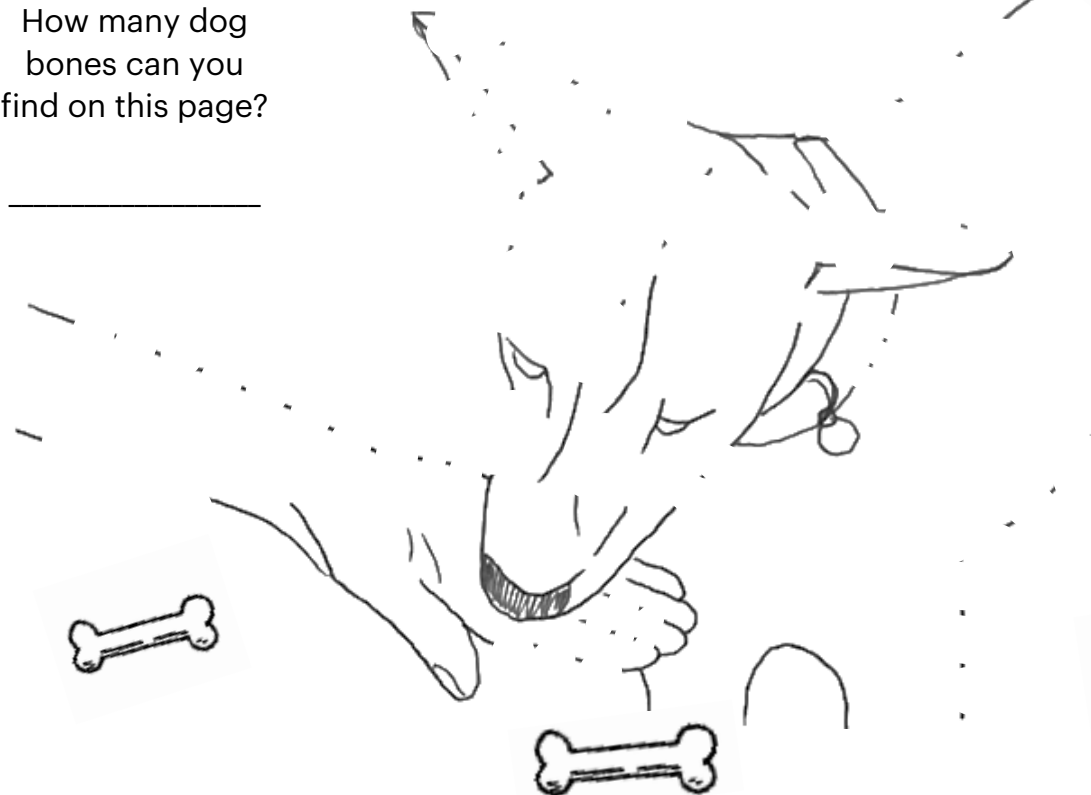
- Do not use your hands to play rough with a dog.
- Hands should never be used to push, shove or steal from a dog.

### Bone Count:

How many dog bones can you find on this page?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Connect the dots.



# Pet's Possessions

Dogs think they own things and protect things that they consider theirs like their food, home, car, toys, etc. Never bother a dog when it is in a car, behind a fence, or tired up.

## Teach Take It and Drop It

Train your dog to take and drop items upon request. To teach, simply trade one item for another similar item as you ask, "drop it".



## Play Nice

Share, avoid grabbing, or stealing from a dog. Play calmly and gently. Do not chase, run, or be rowdy with your canine friends.

**Bone Count:** How many dog bones can your find on this page? \_\_\_\_\_



# Safe Puppy Play

Safe puppy play is an important part of helping puppies grow into happy, confident, and well-mannered dogs. Play teaches puppies how to communicate, build friendships, and use their bodies safely. When puppies play the right way, they learn important skills like sharing space, taking turns, and understanding when another puppy needs a break.



During safe puppy play, puppies should look loose and wiggly, not stiff or tense. It's normal to see chasing, gentle wrestling, play bows, and role-reversals where one puppy pauses or switches who is "winning." Good play includes breaks, puppies may stop, shake off, or walk away for a moment before returning to play. These pauses show that both puppies feel comfortable and are having fun.

Can you find these words?

BARK  
BEG  
CATCH  
CHEW  
DIG  
GROWL  
PLAY  
ROLL  
SCRATCH  
SHAKE  
WALK  
WATER

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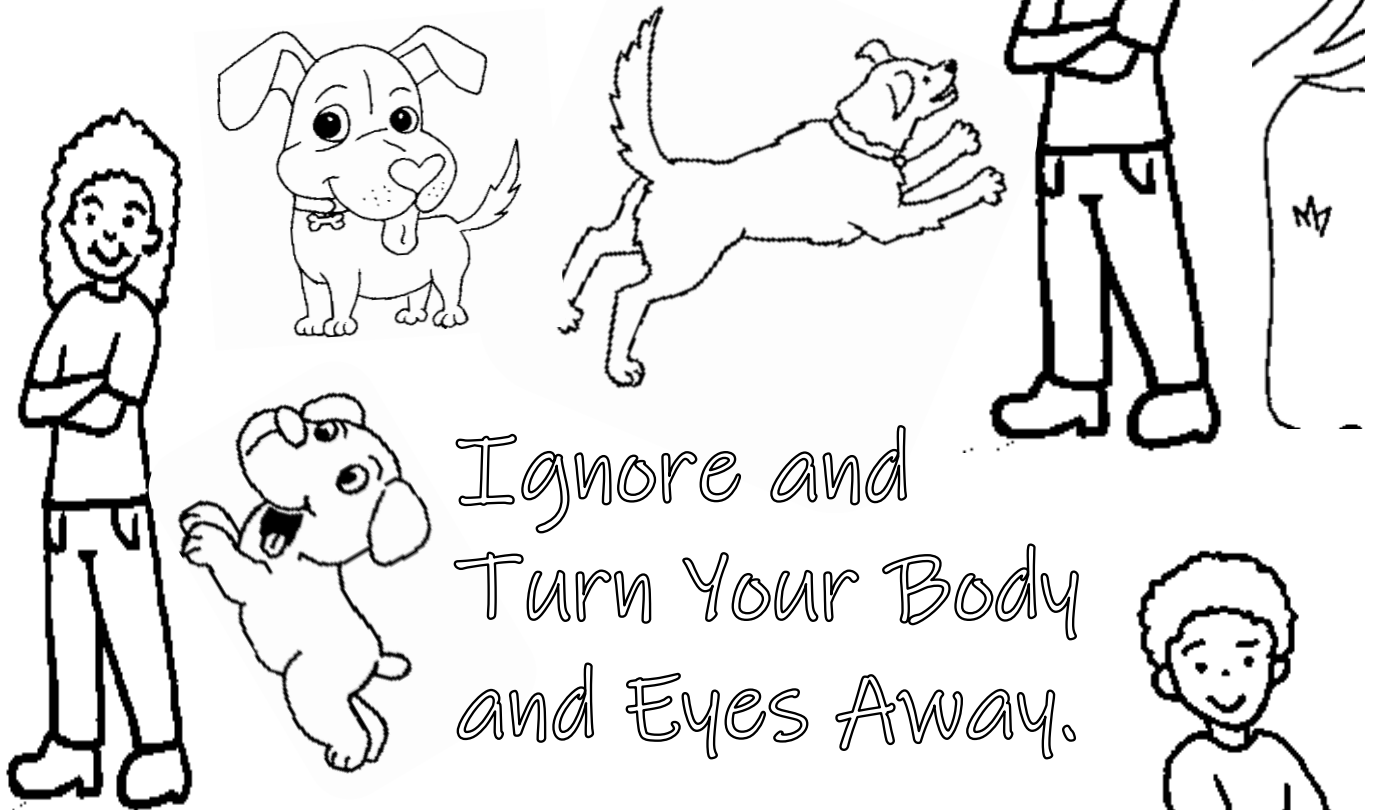


If I get knocked down by a dog, I will curl up like a \_\_\_\_\_.



# Be a Tree for a Jumping Pup

If a Dog Jumps on You,  
Be as Still as a Tree



If A Dog Pushes You Down,  
Roll into a Rock

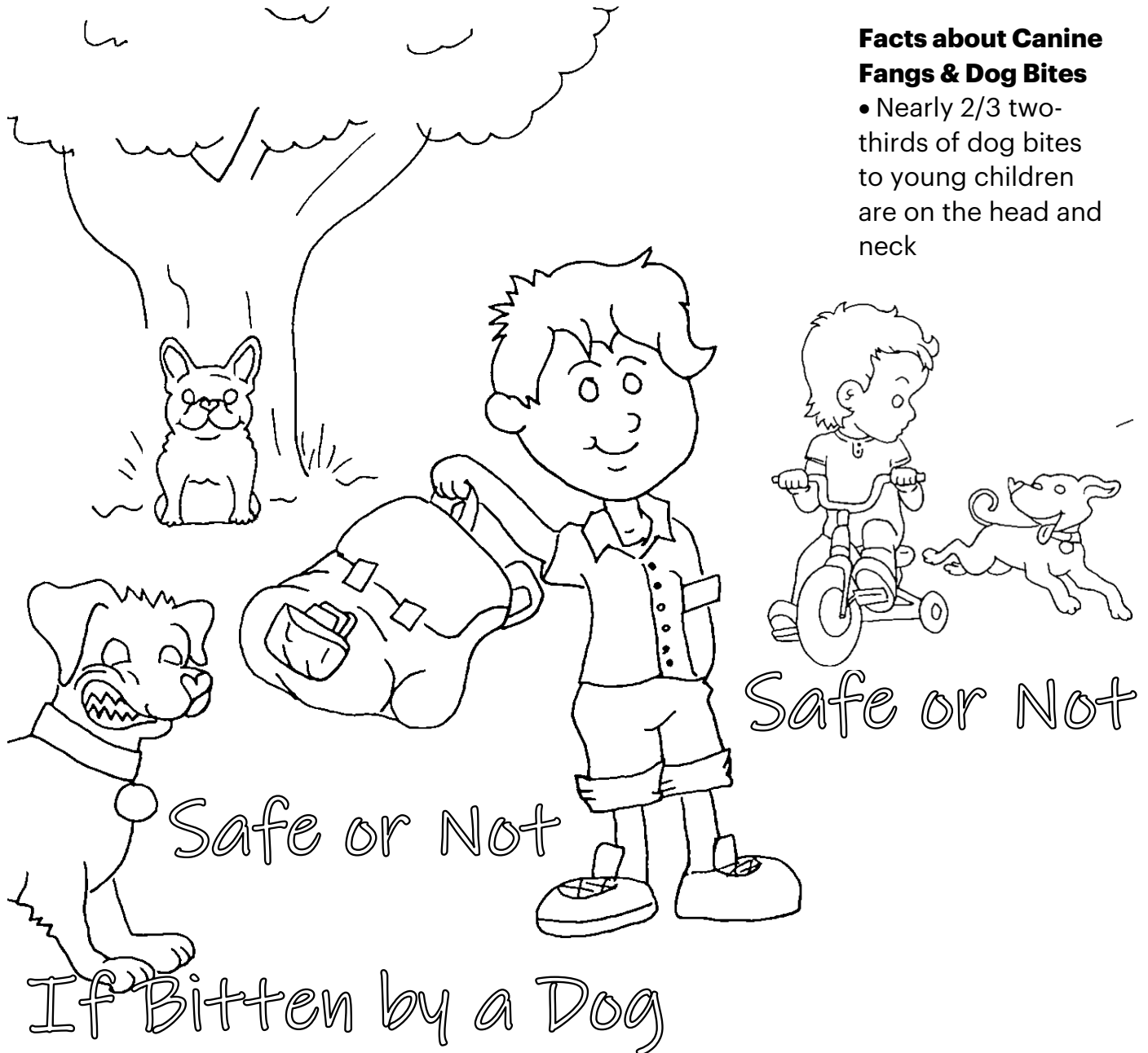


# Yikes, Dog Bites!

Dog bites can happen when a dog feels scared, surprised, or uncomfortable. Dogs don't use words like we do, they use their bodies to communicate. Growling, stiff bodies, showing teeth, or backing away are signs a dog is asking for space. The best way to stay safe is to stay calm, move slowly, and always ask a grown-up before touching a dog you don't know.

## Facts about Canine Fangs & Dog Bites

- Nearly 2/3 two-thirds of dog bites to young children are on the head and neck



- First clean the bite well with soap and water
- Get as much information as possible about the dog including breed, color, size, dog owner's name and contact information, bite details, etc.
- Go to your health care provider or prompt care for treatment, as needed
- Report the dog bite to the local Animal Care and Control Office





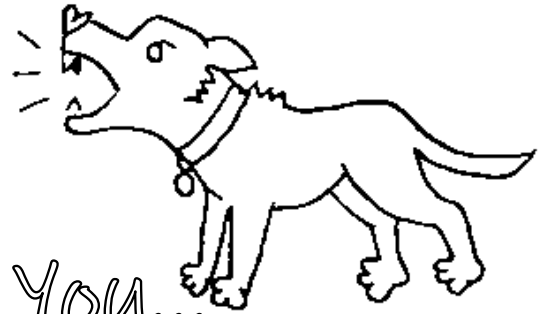
# What Should I Do? Safety Situation

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## If a Dog Barks...

If a dog barks, it might be saying, "I'm nervous" or "I need space."

- Keep your hands to yourself
  - Look away and stay calm
  - Slowly back away when it's safe
- Never yell or run—this can make the dog more excited or scared.



## If a Dog Jumps on You...



Jumping dogs are often excited, not mean!

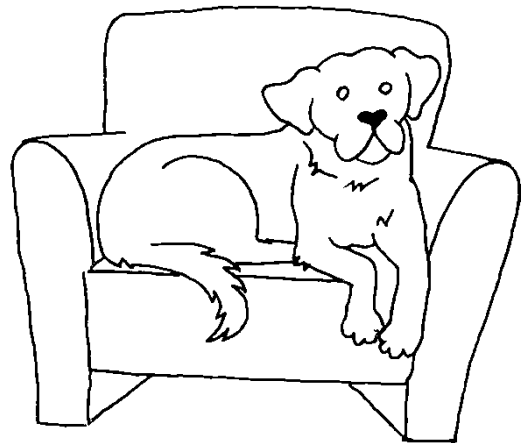
- Turn your body slightly to the side
- Keep your hands low or folded
- Stand still until the dog calms down

Once the dog has all four paws on the ground, a grown-up can help guide a polite greeting.

## If a Dog Steals Your Seat...

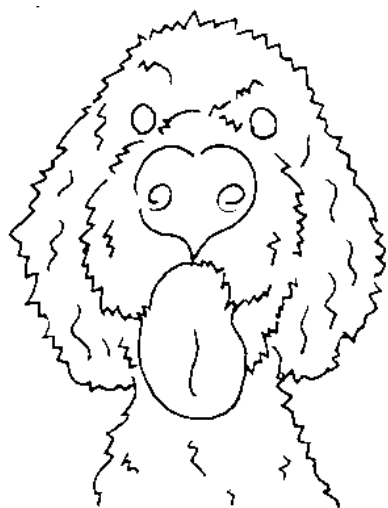
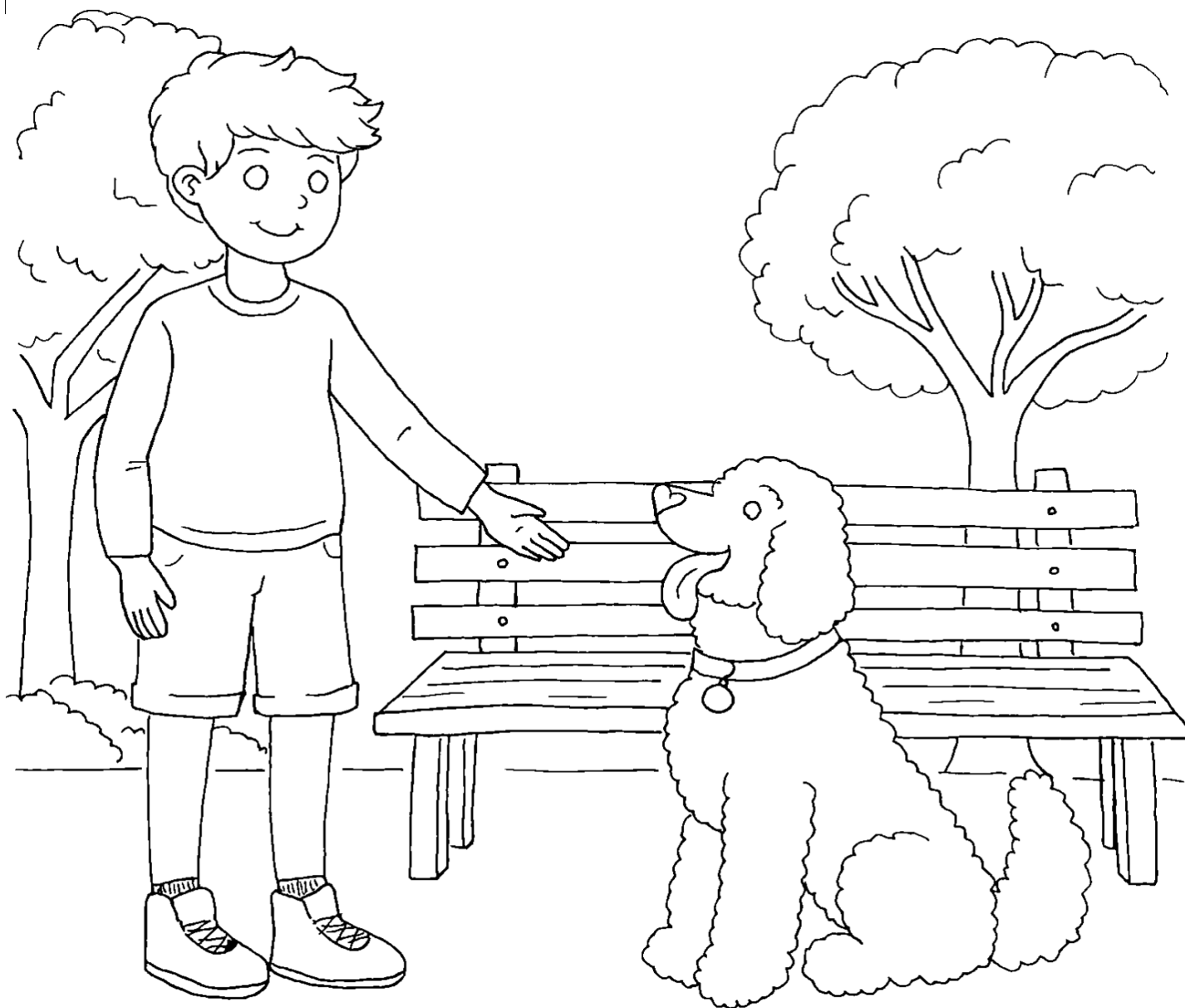
Sometimes dogs think chairs and couches are cozy spots!

- Do not push or pull the dog
  - Ask a grown-up for help
  - Let the dog move on its own with gentle guidance or treats
- Being patient helps keep everyone safe and calm.





# Practice Makes Perfect



Learning how to act around dogs takes practice, just like riding a bike or tying shoes. Every calm choice you make helps dogs trust people more. When you use gentle movements, kind voices, and respect a dog's space, you become a Kind Canine Greeter, a true friend to dogs everywhere!

Safe puppy play helps puppies learn kindness, confidence, and self-control. By practicing gentle play and respecting boundaries, puppies develop the social skills they need to succeed at home, in training classes, and out in the community. When we support safe play, we help puppies grow into dogs that are friendly, calm, and a joy to be around.



# Dog Detective: To Greet or Not

Dogs, just like people, have feelings too! It is important to be a dog detective and learn how a dog is telling you when they are happy, afraid, angry, or playful.

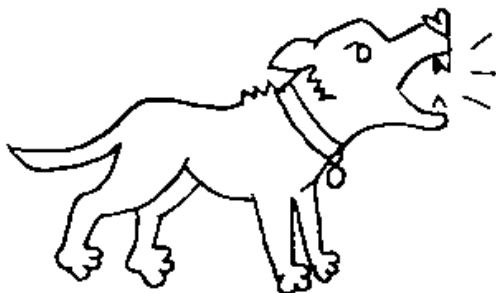
**Instructions:** Look at the pictures and fill in the blanks to determine what the dog is telling you.



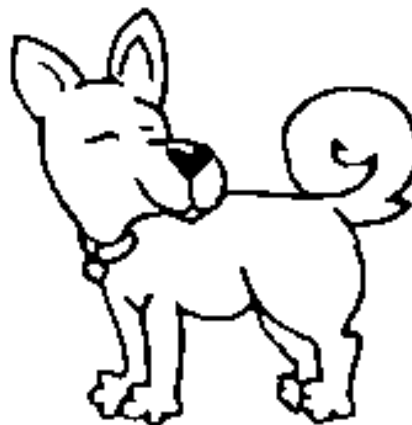
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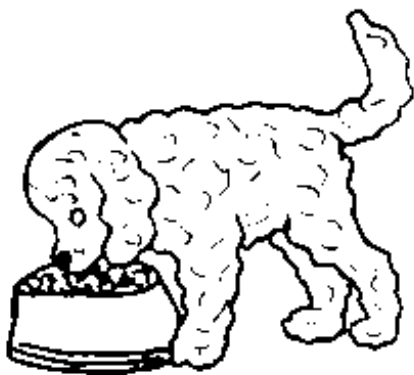
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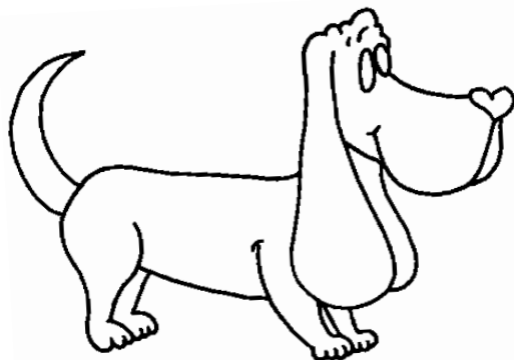
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# Safe or Not Safe to Meet?

Can you circle if a dog is safe or not safe to greet?



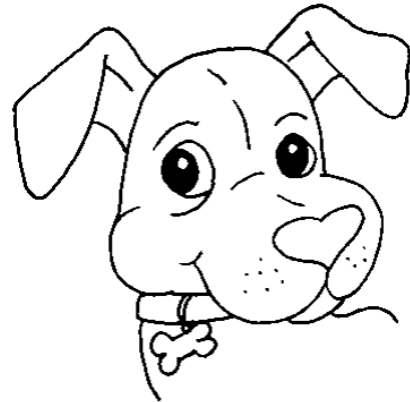
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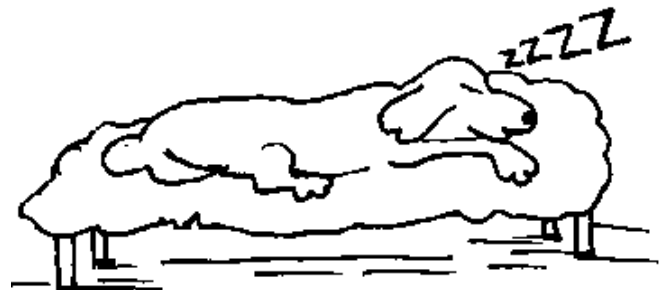
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# Help Mary Meet Penny's Friends

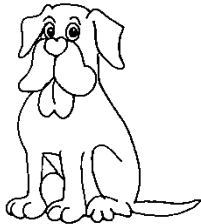
**Instructions:** Share what you have learned! Help Mary meet Penny's friends by circling the correct choice for each situation.

Mary and her family are walking in a park near their home. While on the trail, Mary sees a large dog walking on leash near its owner. The dog has floppy ears and is calm walking with its owner. Mary wants to greet the dog.



*What should Mary do?*

- A)** Run up to the dog excitedly
- B)** Approach the dog and owner calmly to ask the owner for permission to greet
- C)** Walk over and immediately begin patting the dog



Ms. Leslie, the dog's owner, introduces Mary to her dog.  
 "Hi, my name is Leslie. This is my dog, Penny," says Ms. Leslie.  
 Penny is friendly and you may greet her if you would like to.

*What should Mary do first?*

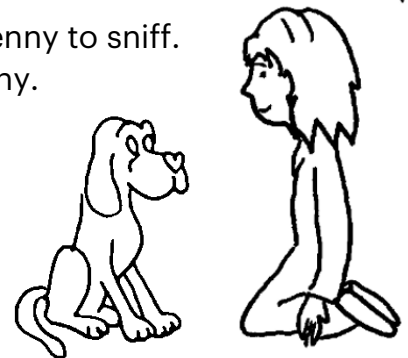
- A)** Jump up and down or hop around to get the dog's attention
- B)** Wave hands in front of the dog waving hello
- C)** Curl hand into a fist and offer back of hand to the dog to sniff



"Good dog," says Ms. Leslie as Mary slowly offer her hand to Penny to sniff.  
 Penny sniffs Mary's hand before she offers to pet Penny.

*Where should Mary touch the Dog?*

- A)** On the tummy
- B)** On the back or tail
- C)** Under the chin or on the chest



"Thank you for greeting Penny properly!" says Ms. Leslie.

"Thank you, Ms. Leslie," says Mary after she gently rubs Penny under the chin on her chest remembering it is best to pet a dog on the chin or under the chest.

Penny wags her tail as Mary greets her.

After a few pats Ms. Leslie asks Penny to come.

"Would you like to give Penny a treat after I show you a trick?" asks Ms. Leslie.

"Yes, that would be fun," says Mary.

"Penny, sit," says Ms. Leslie before Penny sits at her side.

Ms. Leslie hands Mary a treat to offer Penny.

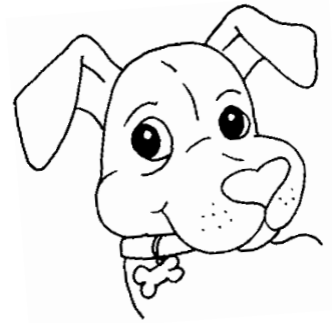


# Mutt Mood: Friendly or Fearful?

Dogs have feelings just like people, and their bodies tell us how they are feeling.

A friendly dog usually looks loose and wiggly. Their tail may wag softly, their ears look relaxed, and their mouth might be open like a smile. A friendly dog may walk toward you calmly or do a playful bow. These dogs are saying, *"I'm happy and comfortable."*

A fearful dog may look very different. They might freeze, tuck their tail, lower their head, back away, or bark and growl. Some fearful dogs try to hide or move away, while others act loud to ask for space. Fear does not mean a dog is bad—it means the dog is worried. When a dog looks fearful, the kindest choice is to give them room and let a grown-up help.

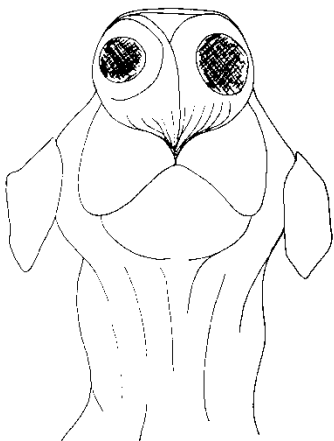
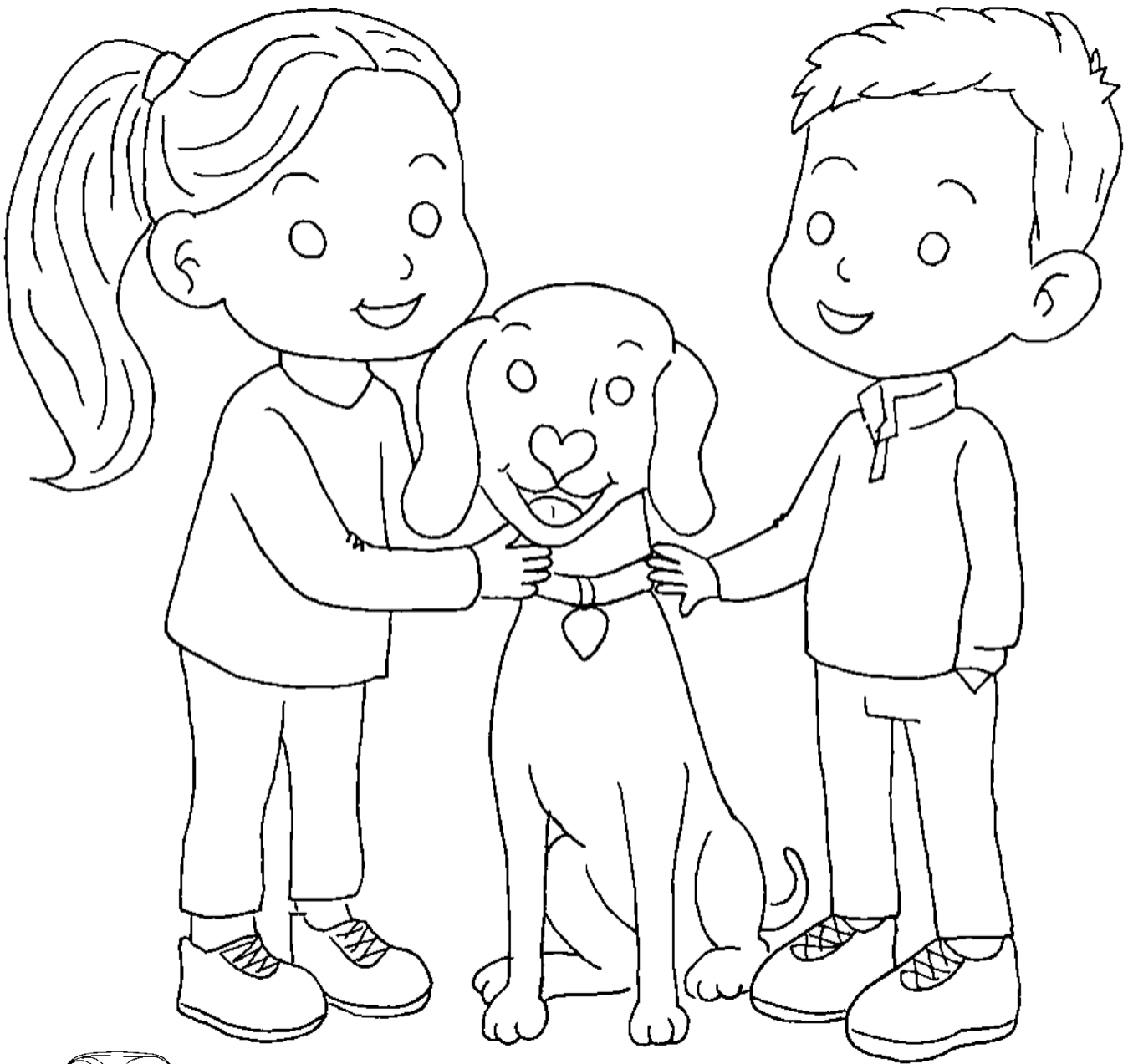


Safe or Not



# Becoming a Kind Canine Greeter

## What is Kindness?



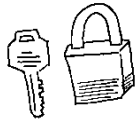
### **FUN FACT! A Dog's Nose Knows**

These clever canines have an incredible sense of smell allowing them to follow scent trails days after they were left. Amazingly, bloodhounds' sense of smell is so spot on that it can be used as evidence in court! Dogs also have fantastic hearing!

Did you know that a dog's nose print is unique, just like a human fingerprint? No two dog noses are the same. That makes each pup's nose print extra special!







# I Can Stay Safe with Dogs

Use the words below to fill in blanks and make a promise to stay safe with dogs.

**ask back chase eating kind leash rock sleeping tree wait**

Every time I see a dog, I am doing to stop and \_\_\_\_\_.

I will only walk up to a new dog if they are on a \_\_\_\_\_.

Before petting a dog, first I will \_\_\_\_\_ the dog's owner.

I will always be \_\_\_\_\_ and gentle with pets and people.

I will pet a dog gently on the chest, side, or \_\_\_\_\_.

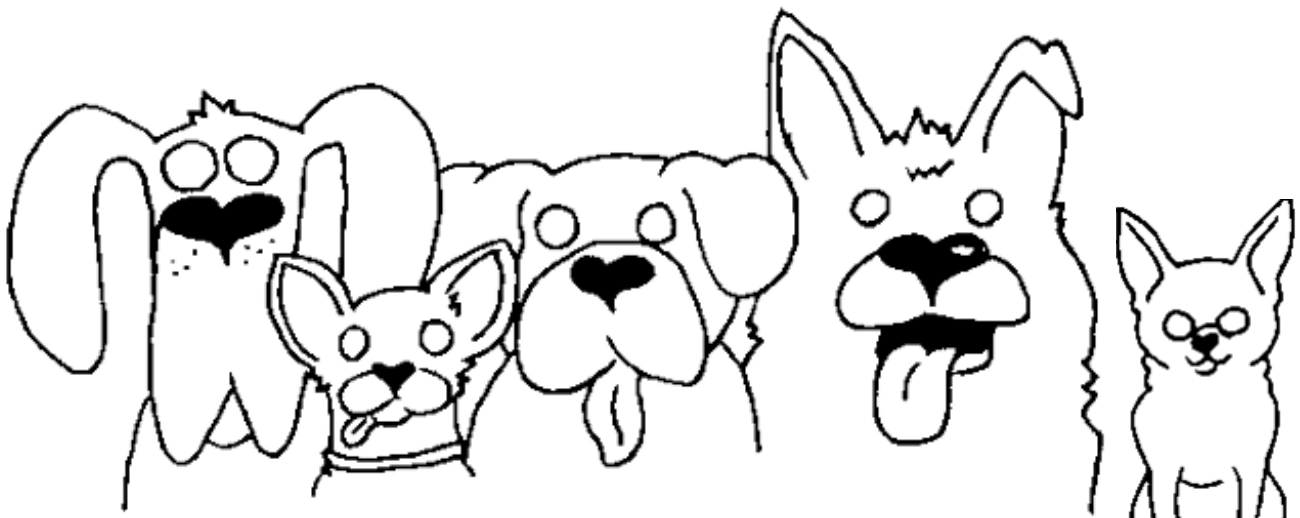
I will not try to pet, play with, or \_\_\_\_\_ a dog who is loose outside.

I will not touch a dog who is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

If a dog jumps on me or runs up to me, I will not run but instead I will stand very still like a \_\_\_\_\_.

If I get knocked down by a dog, I will curl up like a \_\_\_\_\_.

May I please  
pet your dog?

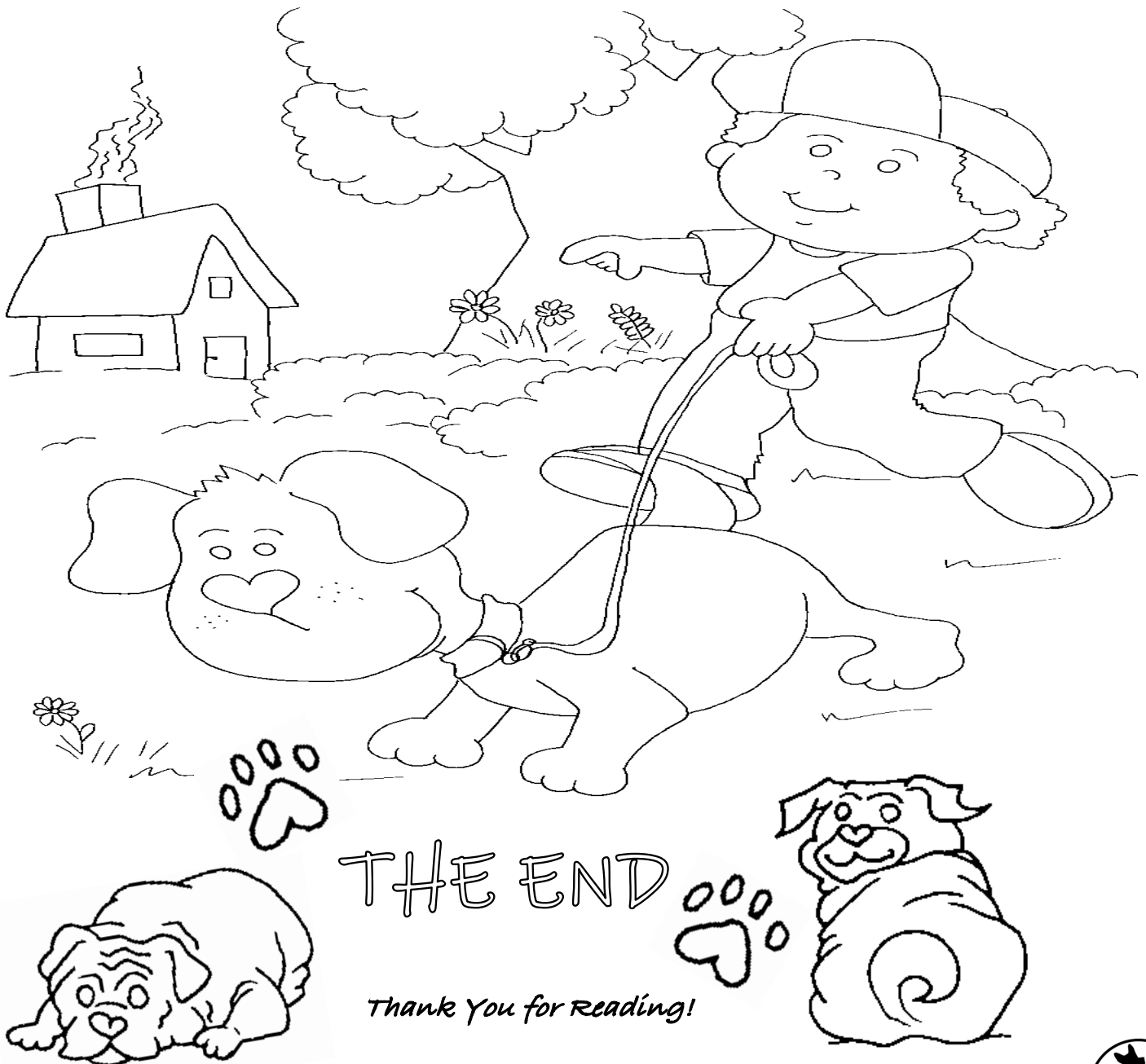


# I am a Kind Canine Greeter!

## Steps to Be a True Kind Canine Greeter

Being a kind canine greeter means helping dogs feel safe. Follow these steps every time:

1. **Ask First** – Always ask a grown-up or the dog's handler, "May I pet your dog?"
2. **Stand Calm and Sideways** – Turn your body slightly and keep your hands low.
3. **Let the Dog Decide** – Let the dog come to you and sniff first.
4. **Gentle Touch** – Pet slowly on the chest or side, not the face, ears, or tail.
5. **Watch the Mutt Mood** – If the dog moves away, stiffens, or looks unsure, stop and give space.
6. **Say Goodbye Kindly** – Walk away calmly and quietly.





# Certificate of Completion

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