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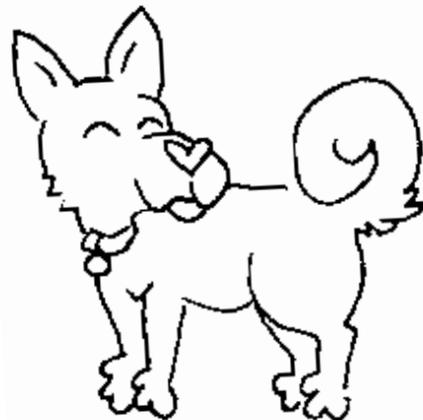
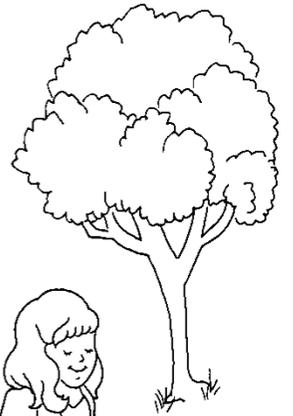
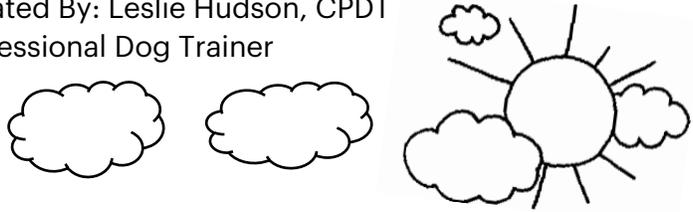
"Unleash Your Potential"



## A Dog Detective

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 tips in this guide 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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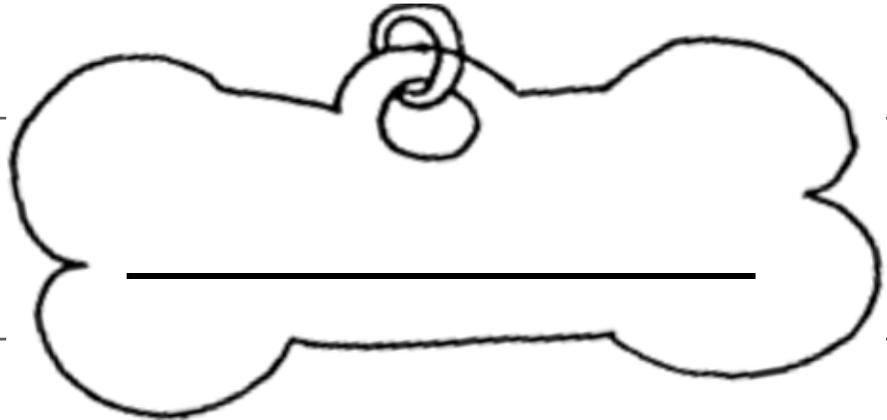
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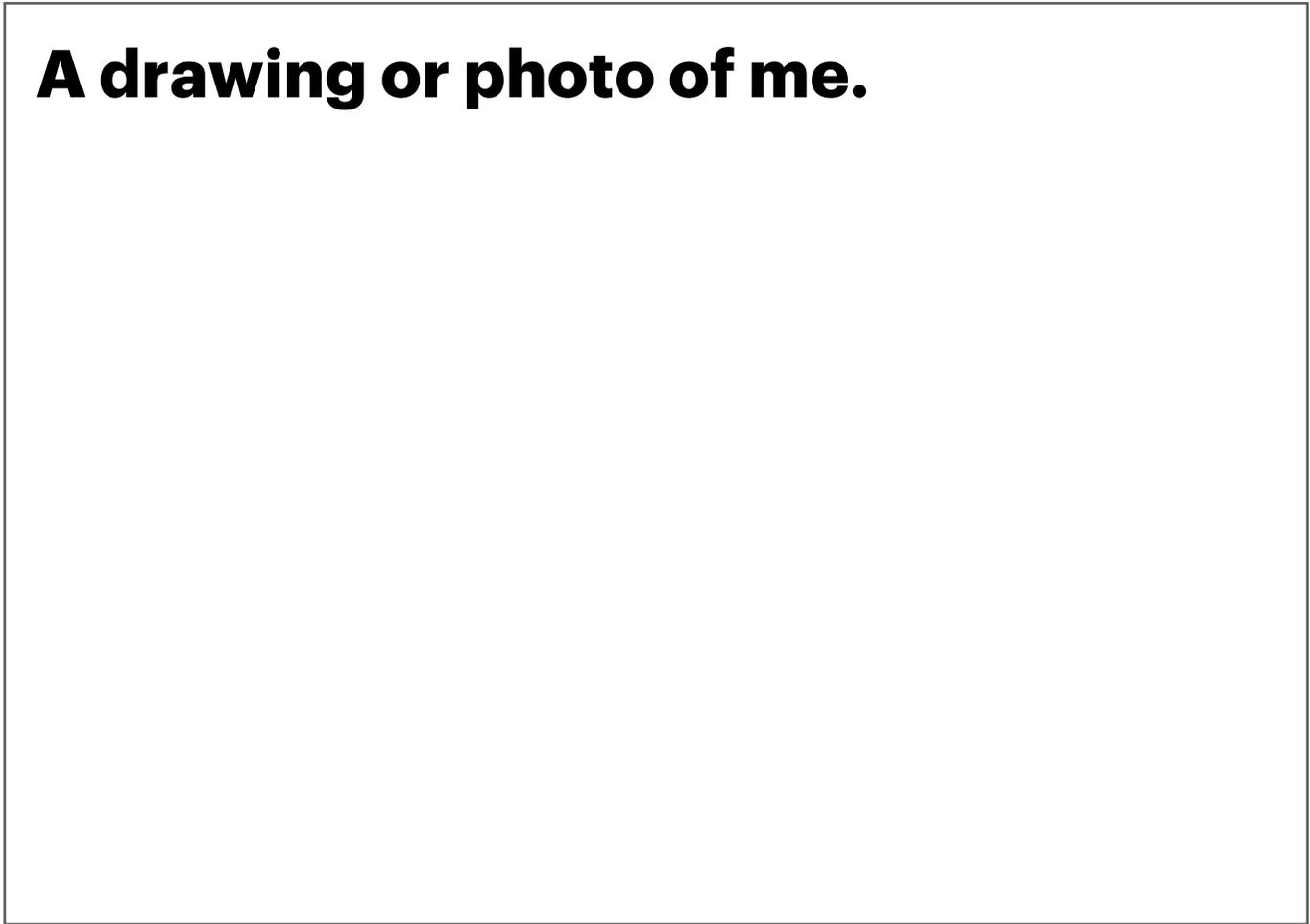


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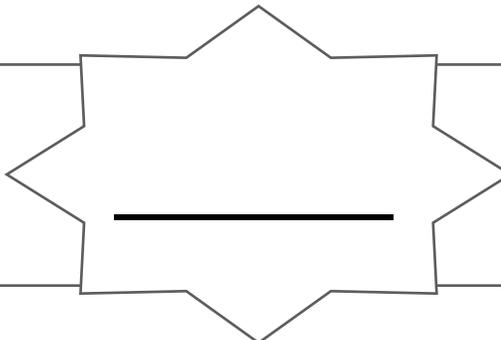
**My name is**



**A drawing or photo of me.**



**I am**



**years old.**



# To Be a Dog Detective

Remember:

Leash, ears, eyes, tail, stance, and muzzle are the clues to solve the should I greet this canine puzzle.



# Greeting Dogs by Body Language

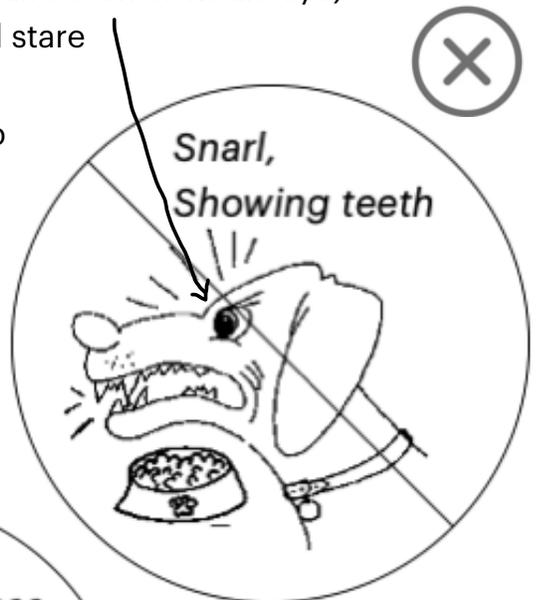
## ✓ Greet Dogs That Are

- ✓ **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

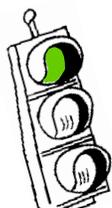
- ✗ **Eyes** wide, worried eyes or whites of their eyes (half-moon or whale eye)
- ✗ **Ears** pinned back or standing forward with a hard stare
- ✗ **Tail** straight up, low, or tucked under
- ✗ **Hair** standing on the back of the neck, hackles up
- ✗ **Muzzle** wrinkled, growling or showing teeth
- ✗ **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

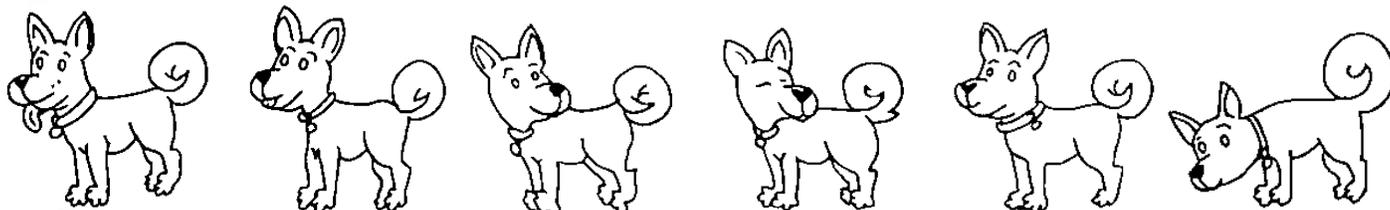


# Canine Communication



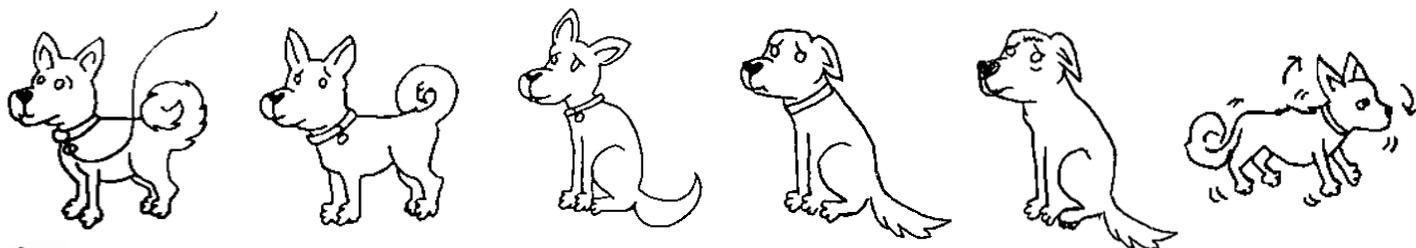
**Go Meet,  
Good to  
Greet**

## Trusting and Relaxed



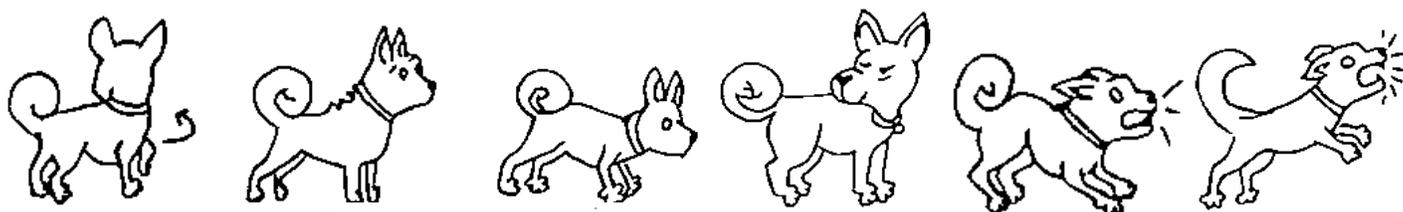
**Caution,  
Watch &  
Go Slow**

## Unsure or Nervous



**No - Stop,  
Do Not  
Greet**

## Scared, Upset, or Angry



Remember, it is  
rude to stare.

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



# How Dogs Show Trust



Relaxed  
Body  
Language



Physical  
Touch  
&  
Canine  
Kisses

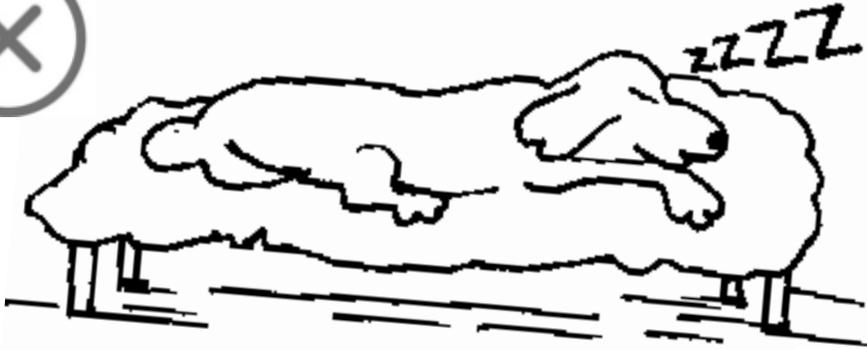


Playful  
&  
Responsive



# ⊗ 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.



# ✓ 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.



# Safe or Not Safe to Meet?

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



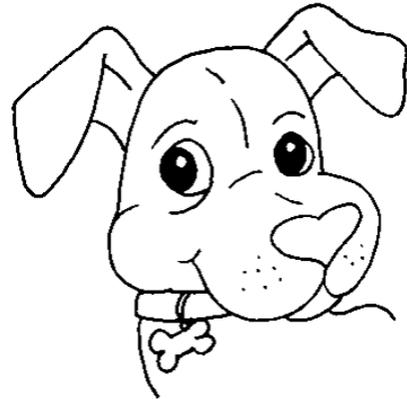
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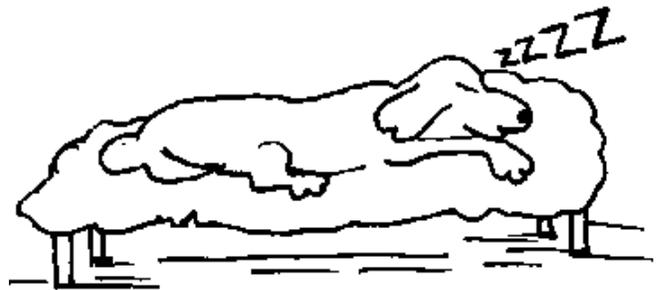
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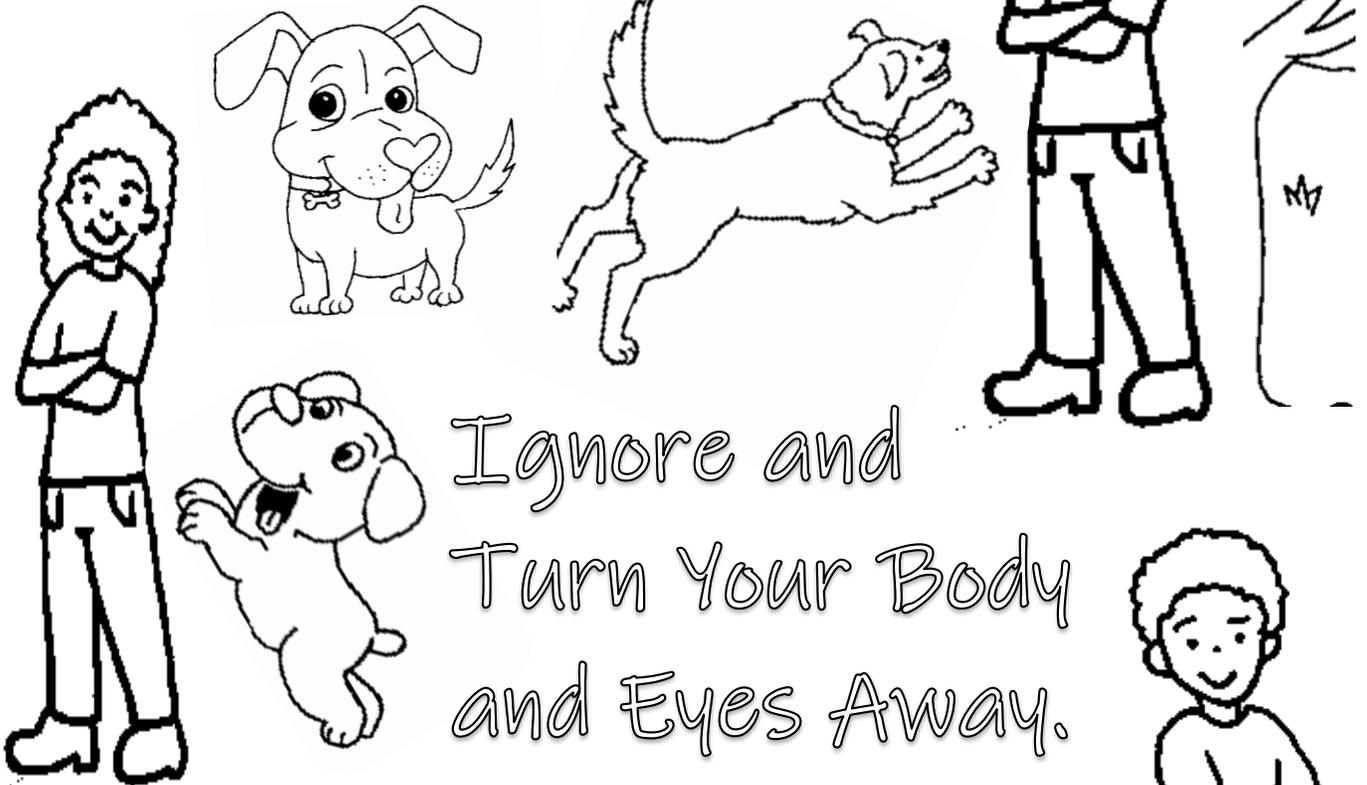


Safe or Not



# Be a Tree for a Jumping Pup

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



Ignore and  
Turn Your Body  
and Eyes Away.

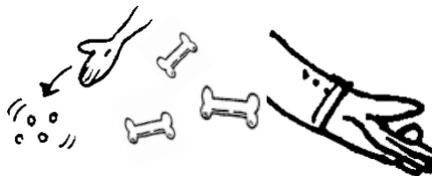
If A Dog Pushes You Down,  
Roll into a Rock



# 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.



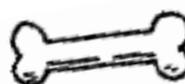
## Healthy Hands

- 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.

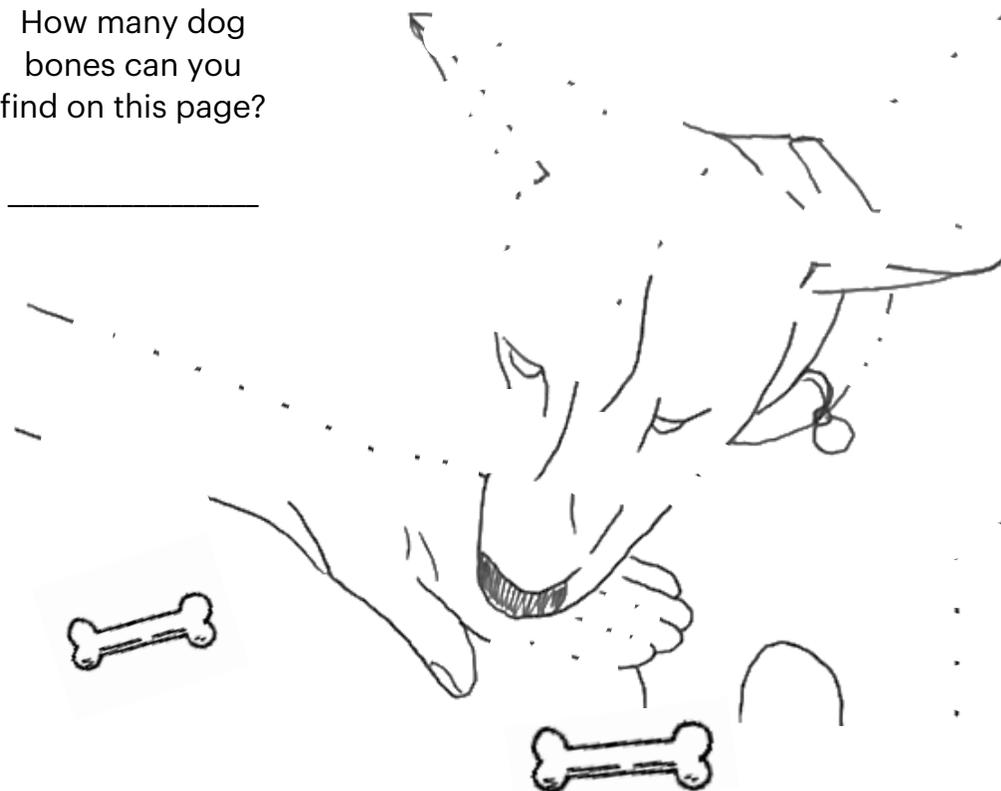


### Bone Count:

How many dog bones can you find on this page?

\_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions: Connect the dots.

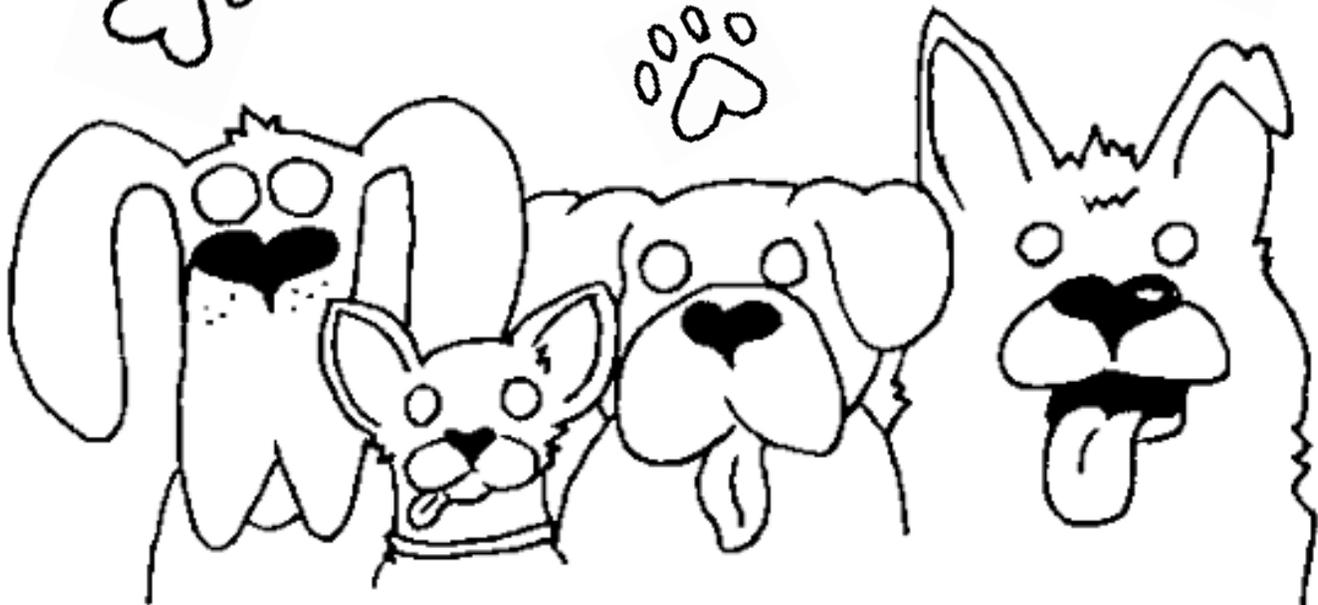


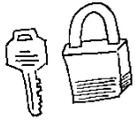
# Word Search

Can you find and circle these words?

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

R	O	L	L	D	O	S	G
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Y	R	F	I	G	H	T	I
E	E	L	G	G	I	W	D





# 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?



THE END





# Certificate of Completion

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Your Name

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***A Dog Detective***

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Date of Completion



I Am A  
Proud Dog  
Detective!



Review Us On  Google



High Five.  
Thank You for Training!

