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Dog Bite: Prevent Or Deal With It

By Jack Russell

Statistics has it that 4.7 million people get bitten by dogs yearly. These bites range from minor nips to major attacks. Dog is man's best friend, not his worst enemy. To make it stay that way, here are some tips for you to stay away from being bitten by a dog.

* How to Avoid being Bitten by A Dog

1. Don't Approach a Strange Dog.

It is a big no-no to go near just any dog you find adorable, particularly when that dog is tied or placed behind a fence or if it is in a car. A new or strange dog might think that you are threatening him or you are an intruder.

2. Don't Just Pet A Dog.

It is not advisable for anyone to suddenly just pet a dog, even his or her own dog, without letting him sniff and recognize you first.

3. Don't Ever Turn Your Back to a Dog Just to Run Away

This animal's instinct will dictate it chase and catch you. So, running away is not a good option.

4. Don't Disturb a Dog.

When a dog is sleeping, chewing on anything, caring for her puppies or eating, it is bad idea to shock or disturb it.

* How to Bite-Proof Your Own Dog

1. Neuter or spay your dog to reduce its tendency to roam and fight with other dogs. 2. Make it socialize to lessen its being nervous when a lot of people are around. 3. Train your dog to not chase

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anyone even when it's just for fun. 4. License your dog and provide for its regular care and rabies vaccinations. 5. Never let your dog roam alone.

* Things to Do if You are Bitten by A Dog

1. Never Panic.

This will only aggravate the situation. Stay calm and make sure that you make informed decisions.

2. Deal with the Wound Immediately.

Wash the wound thoroughly with soap and warm water. This should be done immediately. Then, contact your physician for more care and advice.

3. Tell the Animal Care and Control Agency in Your Location about the Bite.

Report to the animal control personnel all the information you can supply regarding the dog. If it is a stray dog, describe the dog, where you saw him, whether you are familiar with it and also the direction which he went.

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What People Need To Know About Dog Behavior

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As the old adage goes, "Dogs are man's best friend." However, there are times when people just couldn't understand why their beloved dogs behave in a different manner. Hence, it is extremely important to know the underlying reasons why dogs sometimes behave differently.

In fact, man could teach his dog the most appropriate behavior. Experts say that dog behaviors can be controlled through proper training.

Dog behaviors are actually responses that are mostly triggered by environmental and social factors. Hence, to control these responses, the owner should teach his dogs the proper way to respond to such elements.

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Statistics show that almost 5 million people in the U.S. are victims of dog bites annually. This is almost 2% of the total population in the U.S. What's more, dog bites cases rank as second most common

cause of emergencies in the hospitals.

So, the question is: Why dogs bite?

According to the experts, the main reasons why dogs may bite are the following:

1. Excitement

When somebody plays with his or her dog, the tendency of the dog is to get excited, and because dogs don't have hands to use when playing, they have the tendency to use their mouth to grasp things. When this happens, there is the tendency that the dog might accidentally hurt people.

2. Protection

Dogs can be very possessive, so, whenever he wants to protect something that he owns, he will bite whoever threatens to take it away from him. Hence, when people get near the dog's property, the dog's tendency is to bite to make the person leave his property alone.

3. Pain

When the dog is not feeling well, he does not understand why he is feeling that way. Therefore, when a person, even if it's his master, touches him, he may think that it's the person who causes the pain and so his tendency is fight back by biting.

4. Fear

Dogs get fear too. That is why when somebody startles him, the dog's only known protection for itself is to bite back.

So, the best thing to avoid these situations is to leave the dog alone. The problem with so many people is that they have this tendency to always play around with their dogs without learning how and when the dogs should be left alone.

Like humans, dogs have feelings too. When these feelings are all mixed up, their only known protection for themselves is to bite because they cannot understand the situation logically. Therefore, people should know that in order to avoid such circumstances.

As they say, it really pays to know everything.

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