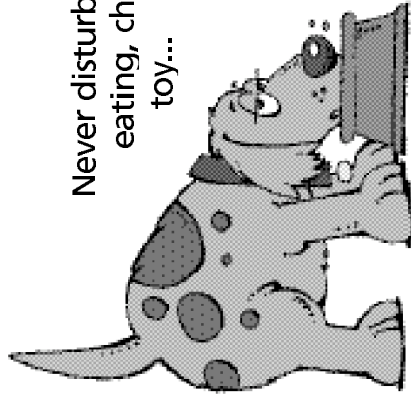
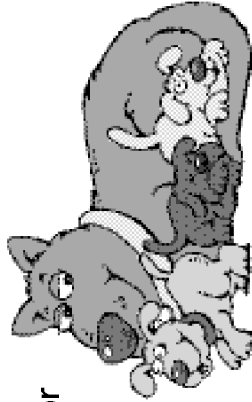


When else might dogs bite?
When they're protecting something.

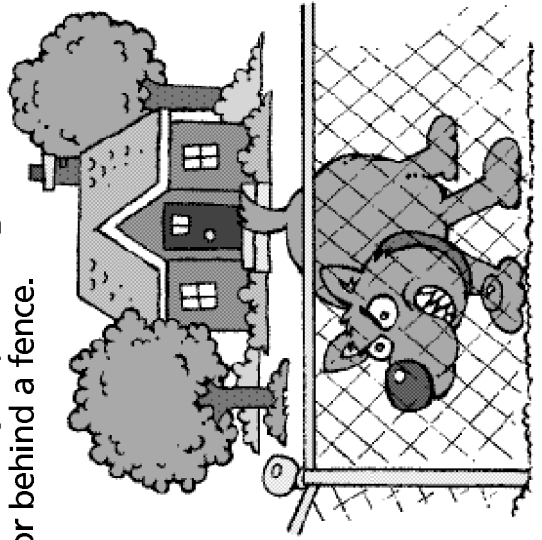


Never disturb a dog who is eating, chewing on a toy...



or caring for puppies.

Never try to pet a dog who is in a car or behind a fence.



Dog Safety Tips

- Always ask permission before petting any dog.
- Stand still and let the dog sniff you. That's how dogs get to know you.
- Never run when a strange dog approaches you. Stand still, with your hands at your sides. Don't stare into the dog's eyes. Dogs consider that a challenge or threat.
- If a dog knocks you down, lie still. Pull your knees into your chest. Make your hands into fists and hold them over your ears. Be quiet.
- If you're ever bitten, find an adult as soon as the dog leaves. Never hide the fact that you've been bitten. Wash the bite thoroughly with soap and warm water. Then report the bite to animal care and control.

Almost five million people each year are bitten by dogs. Most of them are kids. The good news is dog bites can be prevented.



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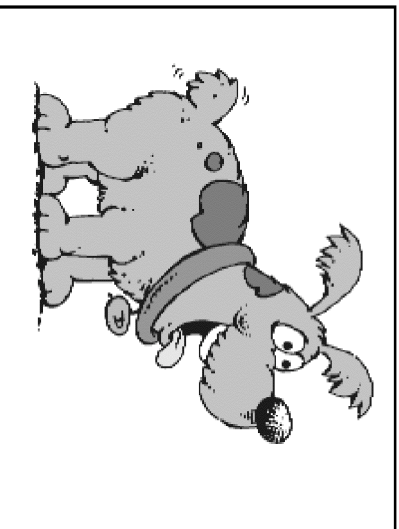


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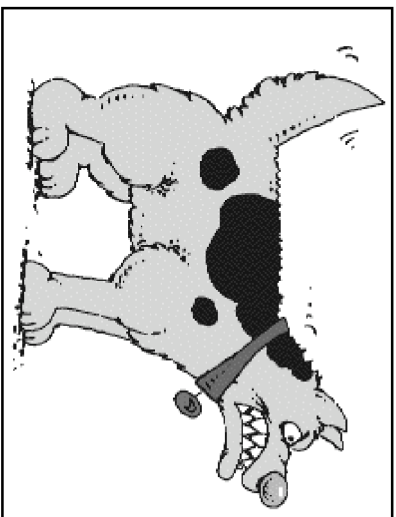
Just like people, dogs have feelings. They can be happy, afraid, angry, nervous, tired, or playful. Though dogs can't talk to us, we can often tell what they're feeling. How? By paying attention to body language. We can often tell how dogs are feeling by how they look and act.

What do you think each of the dogs below is feeling? Which dogs might be safe to pet?

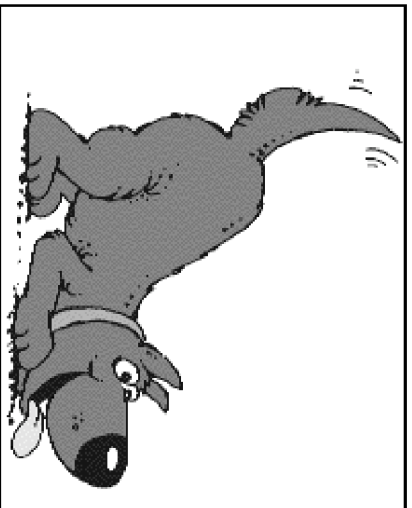


This dog is feeling happy. His ears are up and his tail is wagging. **But be aware that a wagging tail doesn't always mean a dog is friendly!**

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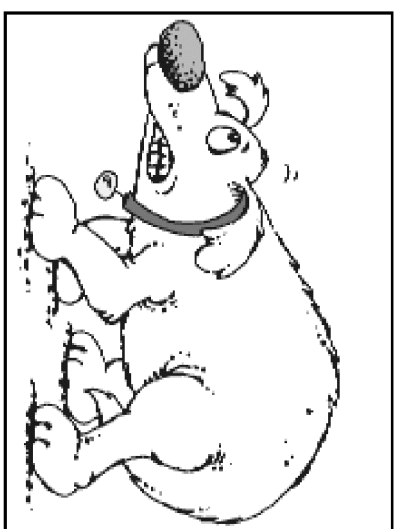
This dog is angry. Her lips are curled and her teeth are showing. Her fur is standing up. If you could hear her, she'd probably be growling. Stay away from angry dogs!



This dog is feeling playful. His front end is down and his back end is up. His ears are up and forward. His tail is wagging.



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This dog is afraid. Her ears are down and back. She's crouching down and her tail is between her legs.

Even your own dog may bite when she's afraid. Don't disturb dogs when they feel afraid.



Which of these dogs are safe to pet? Probably the happy and playful pups.

But before petting any dog, **ALWAYS** get permission from the dogs' caregivers first! Stay away from dogs who look angry or afraid.