

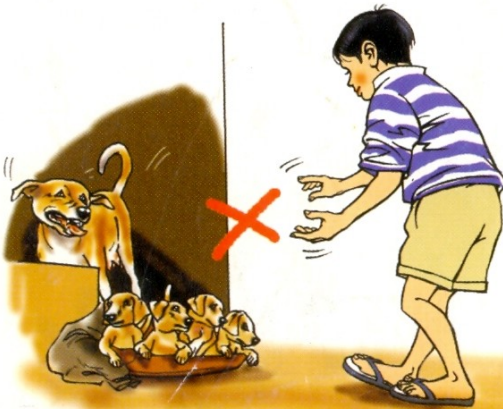
# Be Sensitive and Kind to Dogs and Protect Yourself!



## How to Avoid Dog Bites

Never disturb a dog that is eating, sleeping or caring for puppies. Dogs may bite if startled or frightened. Do not throw sticks or stones at a dog.

Do not get close to a dog which is tied or behind a fence.



Do not get close to small puppies - the mother may bite to protect her puppies.



Do not run or move quickly near dogs!

Do not look a dog straight in the eye!



If a nervous dog gets close to you:



Freeze...  
look only at the ground...  
walk backwards very slowly...

Do not turn and run!



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If a growling dog gets close to you, pretend to be a tree: stand still with your hands at your side. Allow the dog to sniff you and it will usually go away.

If a dog attacks, assume a position of a rock. Curl into a ball and protect your face and body.



## If bitten:

- Immediately wash thoroughly with soap and running water for 10 minutes
- Go to a hospital
- Isolate the dog (or remember what the dog looks like)