

DOG BITE

PREVENTION WEEK *tips*

Ask First!

When meeting an unfamiliar dog, don't reach out to pet her—**ask her pet parent first, "May I pet your dog?"**



Get Permission

With permission, let the dog sniff your closed hand, then **pet her shoulders or chest.**



Don't Touch!

Don't touch a dog who is sleeping, eating, or chewing a toy.



Stay Away

Stay away from a dog who is barking or growling, as well as one who is loose, behind a fence or tied up.



According to the AMVA, over 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs each year. You can help ensure safety by sharing these tips with children and parents. For more information on canine body language, visit:

[ASPCA.org/DogBitePrevention](https://www.aspcaplanet.org/dog-bite-prevention)