



SIGNS OF IMMINENT BITE

IF THESE SIGNS OCCUR, CEASE ALL INTERACTION WITH DOG, LOOK AWAY AND GIVE DOG THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAVE. DO NOT APPROACH. DO NOT MAKE EYE CONTACT. DO NOT TALK TO THE DOG. IF YOU ARE TOUCHING THE DOG, STOP AND MOVE YOUR HANDS SLOWLY AWAY. IF YOU ARE TAKING SOMETHING FROM THE DOG, LET GO OF IT. IT IS BETTER FOR HIM TO KEEP IT THAN FOR YOU OR A CHILD TO GET BITTEN. IF YOU ARE BENDING OVER THE DOG, SLOWLY STRAIGHTEN UP AND LOOK AWAY.

- dog freezes - becomes suddenly stiff
- dog stands with front legs splayed, head low, looking at you
- dog curls lip to show teeth

A good guide for children is that if the dog is all soft and wiggly, then he is not likely to bite. If a dog is stiff like a statue, then he is dangerous.

Teach children never to take from a dog and if a dog steals from them to let the dog have it. They should ask an adult to get the item back. Trade the item for a treat or another appropriate toy, or just let him keep it.

Hire a professional to help you teach the dog that it is good to give things back.



Locate a pet training or behavior professional “Informed by Science, Guided by Empathy and Governed by Ethics” at www.petprofessionalguild.com.