

All About

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DOG BITE Prevention

Dog bites can be devastating injuries and can also mean serious consequences for the dog.

Preventing Dog Bites at Home

1. Carefully consider your dog selection. A puppy is a big commitment, not an impulse buy.

2. Socialize your puppy. Gradual exposure to other pets, people and places increases confidence and friendliness.

3. Wait until your child is older. Dog bites tend to happen to younger children. Consider waiting until your child is at least 4 years old before getting a dog. Never leave a baby or child alone with a dog.

4. Train your dog. Teach your dog basic commands like "sit", "stay", and "come." Your dog will have good manners, and it is a great way to bond.

5. Keep your dog healthy. Vaccinate your dog against rabies and other diseases. Healthy dogs are happy dogs. How a dog feels is directly related to how he/she behaves.

6. Spay or Neuter! Spayed and neutered dogs are three times less likely to bite.

7. Be a responsible pet owner.

Obey leash laws and licensing laws. Spend time with your dog. Dogs are social animals and when left alone they are more likely to develop behavior problems.

8. Be alert and know your dog. Watch for signs of illness, or that your dog is uncomfortable. These situations can lead to aggression.

Preventing Dog Bites from Dogs Unknown to You

1. Don't run past a dog. Dogs like to chase, don't give them a reason to become excited or aggressive.

2. Never disturb a dog that is caring for puppies, sleeping or eating.

3. If a dog approaches you stay still and let him/her sniff you. Most of the time, a dog will leave you alone once they realize you are not a threat.

4. If you are threatened by a dog stay calm. Don't scream, avoid eye contact, and stay still or slowly back away. Do not turn and run.

5. If you fall or are knocked down, curl into a ball. Cover your head and neck and protect your face.



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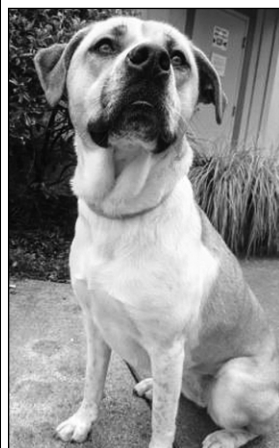
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HOLSTEIN

I'm **Holstein**, a beautiful bicolor lady. I am a petite spayed female shorthair with a lot of love to give. Please add me to your family!