

HOW CAN I BE Safe around dogs?

Dogs are descended from wolves, and have an instinct for aggressive behaviour if:

- They are protecting their territory
- They feel threatened (by another dog, or someone putting their face near theirs)
- You approach them when they are eating
- A strange person or dog enters their property
- You go near their puppies
- Someone or another animal runs away from them

Always try to avoid these risky situations.

HERE ARE SOME SIMPLE SAFETY TIPS WHEN YOU ARE AROUND DOGS:

- Always ask the dog's owner before approaching or petting the dog



- Pat the dog on its chest, not on its head or its ears
- Supervise children at all times when a dog is nearby
- Stay away from a dog that is tied up, feeding, has puppies, or is asleep
- Never tease or annoy dogs
- Don't make loud noises, act excited around a dog, or run away from them
- Don't make anyone who is frightened of dogs pat them (they can sometimes make the dog uneasy, and more likely to bite).

If you are approached by a dog and you feel threatened or uneasy, stand still, look at your feet and not the dog, and cross your arms in front of you. Then when the dog moves away, just walk backwards quietly and slowly away from them.

