Dogs in the Community: What should you do to prevent bites?
Are all dogs the same?
Dog bites: Let’s prevent them!
Why do dogs bite?
What do you do when you see an owned dog?

• Avoid
  – Let the owner and dog pass

Or

• Ask if you can pet the dog
How to meet an owned dog?

**Step 1: Always Ask the owner**
- If the owner says yes, approach the dog slowly leaving space between you and the dog.
- Crouch down to the dog’s level.
Step 2: Allow the dog to come up to you and sniff you.

- If the dog is ok, slowly extend your hand a few inches towards the dog
- Let the dog come to you and sniff you
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**Step 3:**
- If the dog is ok, pet dog on the chest or shoulder slowly and gently.
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- If the dog moves away or cowers, do not pet the dog.
- Do not reach over the dog’s head or pet the head.
- Never pull the ears or tail.
Let’s Review: How to meet an owned dog

Step 1: Ask the owner

Step 2: Let the dog approach you and sniff

Step 3: If ok, pet the dog’s chest or shoulder gently and slowly
Remember

- Only go up to dogs that are on a leash with an adult
- Always ask first before going up to a dog
- Let the dog approach you and sniff you
- If the dog is ok, slowly pet it
- Stay calm and talk quietly to it
- When you leave, walk away slowly
What do you do if there is a loose or stray dog near you?

1. STAY AWAY
2. Do NOT run away
3. If it comes up to you, act like a tree
Act like a tree

1) Look down. Do not look at the dog

2) Fold hands together.

3) Plant feet firmly on the ground and stay still.
What if the dog jumps on you and knocks you down?

Be a rock!

1. Curl up
2. Tuck your head down
3. Cover your neck with your hands
What have we learned?
Let’s practice!
Questions?