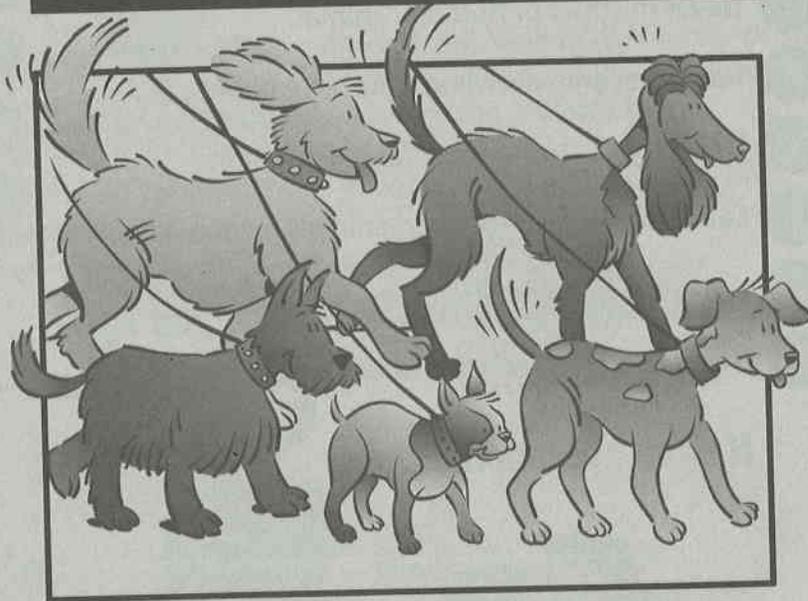


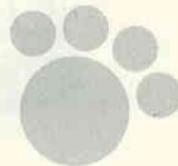
# **Animal Safety AWARENESS**



**Safe Kids Are Bite Free**

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## How to prevent animal bites

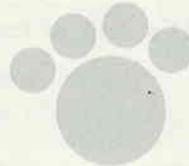
- Always leave animals alone when they are eating and drinking.
- Never tease or scare animals; remember, animals protect their own territory, property and owners.
- Never mistreat or hurt any animal.
- Never pet animals when they have babies.
- Never try to stop animals that are fighting.
- Leave injured, sick or dead animals alone and go get help.
- Leave all wild animals alone.
- Never keep wild animals as pets.

### How to approach a dog

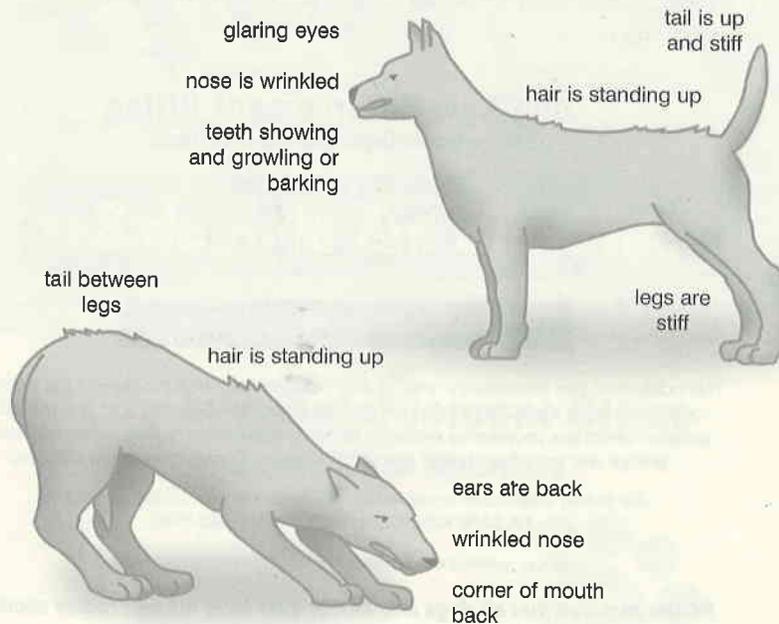


## What to do if threatened

- Stay CALM.
- Stand STILL.
- DO NOT RUN or SCREAM.
- Speak firmly (don't yell) - NO, SIT, STAY DOWN or GO HOME.
- Back away slowly - always face the animal's head.
- Shield yourself - Hold your backpack or package in front of you.



**Dogs talk with their bodies. These dogs are saying - Stay away, I might bite!**



## What to do if you are bitten

**1. Immediately wash the wound with lots of water.**

**2. If a dog or cat bites you:**

Get the owner's name, address and telephone number.  
Ask for proof of rabies vaccination.

**Write down the following:**

- A. Owner's information
- B. A description of the animal
- C. The rabies tag number



**3. Contact 1-877-PAHEALTH**

**If a wild animal bites you:**

Have an adult capture or kill the animal if possible, so it can be tested for rabies. Take care to prevent damage to the animal's head. **DO NOT FREEZE** the dead animal. Call your doctor - get medical attention - he or she can determine your risk for disease.

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**PA law requires that all dogs and indoor cats have current rabies vaccine.**