

Children and Dogs

Safety with a strange dog:

- 1) **Stop!** If approached by a dog, stay calm and look away.
- 2) Place your backpack or jacket in front of you like a shield.
- 3) Let the dog sniff you, but don't move.
- 4) Say **No!** or **Down!** After the dog has backed off, you can too.

How to meet a dog:

- 1) Always ask if you can pet the dog, even if you know the dog.
- 2) Slowly move your hand in an upward motion in front of the dog's nose.
- 3) After the dog has had a chance to smell you, touch the side of its head.

For more information, call 311 or visit Toronto Animal Services at www.toronto.ca/animal_services.

Toronto Animal Services include:

- Pet adoption (available pets can be viewed on the website)
- Lost and found
- Pet identification
- Animal rescue
- Community education
- By-law enforcement
- Spay/neuter clinics
- Rabies control

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