

Dog Bite Statistics

- Nearly 5 million people are bitten by dogs each year in the U.S.
- Most victims are children, with boys aged 5 to 9 being the most likely victims.
- 77% of bite victims are bitten on the face.
- ANY dog may bite—biting is not breed-specific.
- 61% of dog attacks occur at home or in a familiar place.
- 77% of biting dogs belong to the victim's family or friend.
- 8 out of 10 biting dogs are male.
- Unneutered dogs are almost three times more likely to bite than neutered dogs.
- Tethering or chaining dogs can increase their aggression.

Resources:

www.americanhumane.org
www.dogbitelaw.com



Who to Call if You Are Bitten

- ◆ If medical attention is needed contact your physician or the emergency room. If life threatening dial 911
- ◆ To report a dog bite call (916) 368-7387 (PETS), then select Option 2. Live operators available 24/7
- ◆ For rabies inquiries, call Department of Health and Human Services (916) 875-5881

EVEN FRIENDLY DOGS BITE



BRADSHAW ANIMAL SHELTER
SACRAMENTO

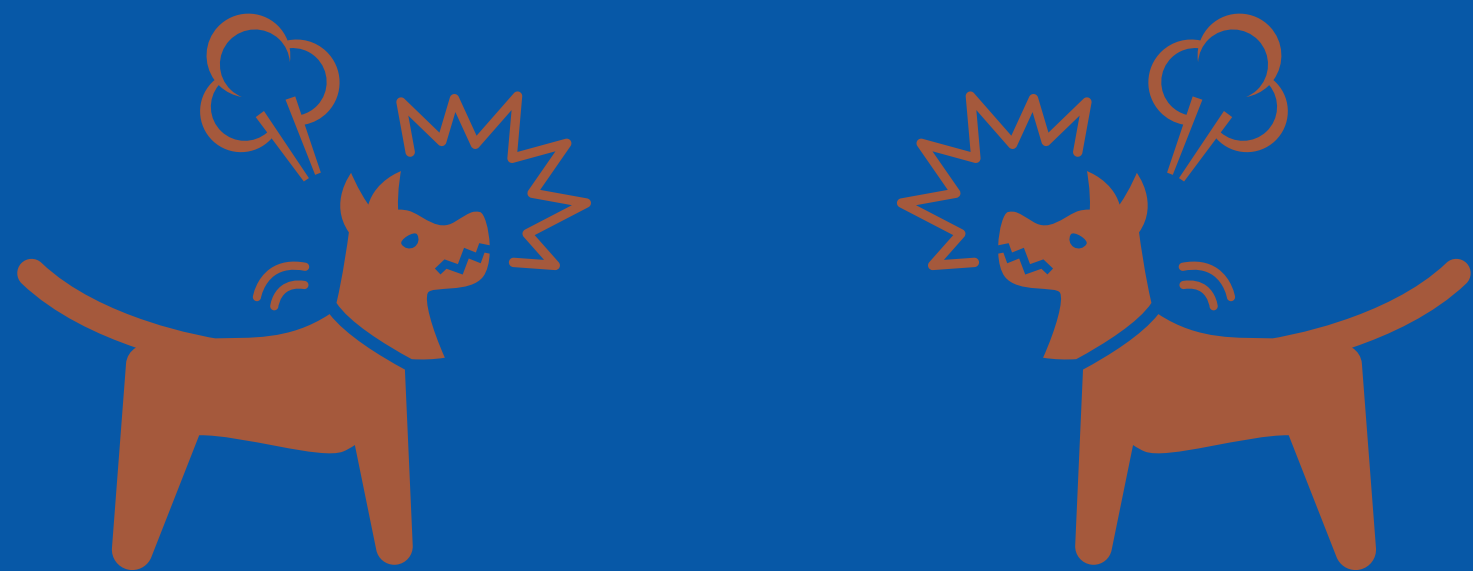
Contact Information:
Phone: (916) 368-7387 (PETS)
Address: 3839 Bradshaw Rd,
Sacramento, CA 95827

How to Tell When a Dog is Angry

Dogs use body language to communicate just like people do.

Angry dogs will:

- ◆ Stick their ears straight up
- ◆ Make the fur on their backs puff up
- ◆ Stick their tail straight up (may be wagging)
- ◆ Growl and show their teeth
- ◆ Stare at whomever they are approaching



BE SMART AROUND DOGS

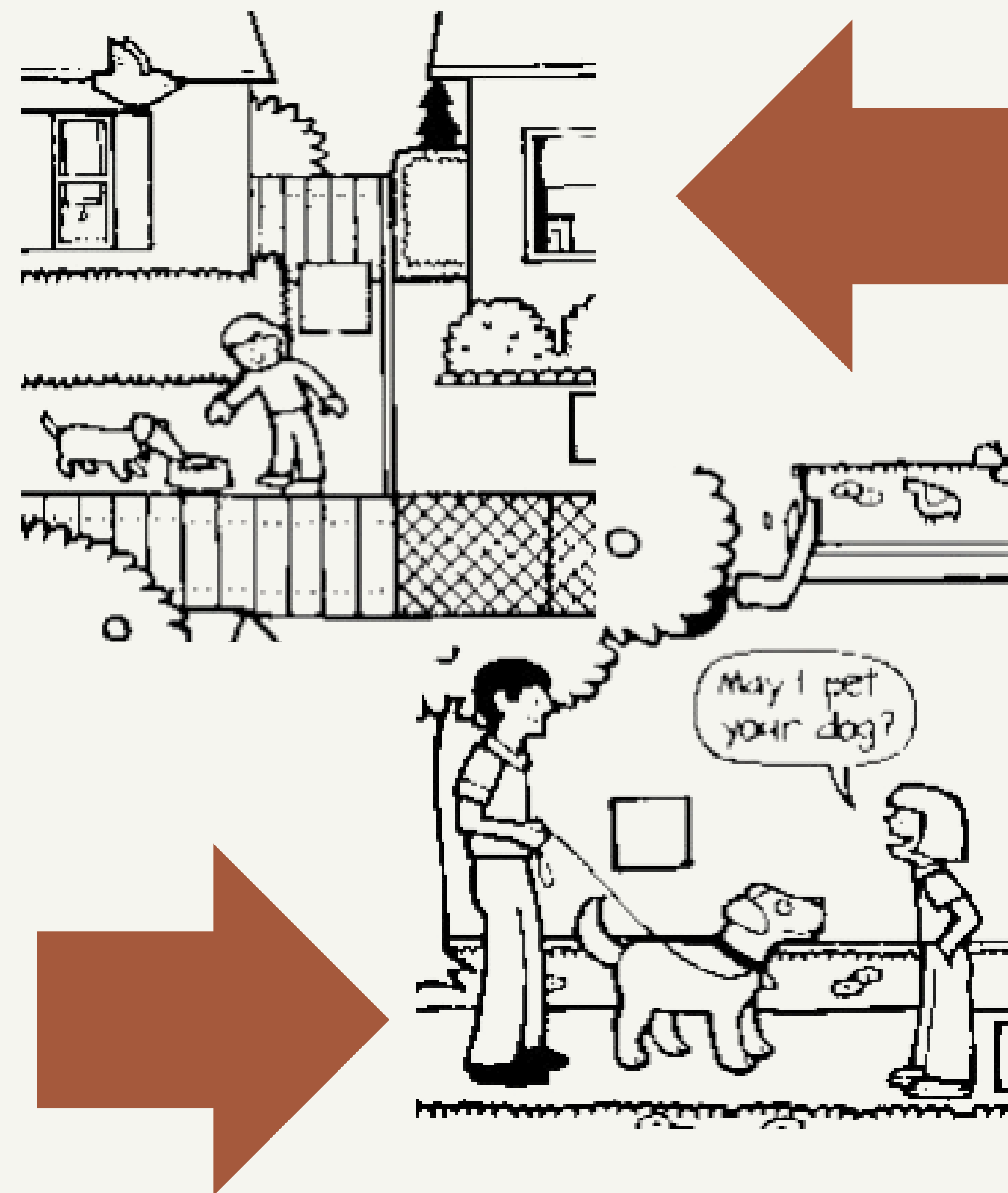
DOG BITE SAFETY TIPS:

- NEVER TEASE A DOG OR PULL ITS TAIL/EARS.
- AVOID DIRECT EYE CONTACT WITH A DOG.
- DON'T SNEAK UP ON A DOG WHILE IT IS SLEEPING OR EATING.
- STAY AWAY FROM MOTHER DOGS WITH THEIR PUPPIES.
- DON'T APPROACH STRAY DOGS, EVEN IF THEY SEEM FRIENDLY.
- ALWAYS ASK THE OWNER FOR PERMISSION BEFORE PETTING A DOG.

PREVENTING DOG BITES AT HOME:

- NEUTER MALE DOGS—REDUCES AGGRESSION.
- SOCIALIZE YOUR DOG WITH PEOPLE AND OTHER ANIMALS.
- VACCINATE YOUR DOG FOR RABIES AND OTHER DISEASES.
- KEEP YOUR DOG CONTAINED—ENSURE A PROPERLY FENCED YARD AND AVOID ROAMING.

Be Smart When You are Around Dogs



Which girl is more likely to get a dog bite?