What You Should Know About HOME Dog Bite Prevention

THE FACTS:

- About 5 million Americans are bitten by dogs each year, many of them children and the elderly.
- Nearly 1 million of those bitten require medical attention. This represents 5% of all emergency-room visits.
- Most dog bites happen in the home or at a friend's house.
- Children (boys between the age of 5-9) are the most likely to be bitten.
- Dog bites to small children mostly happen on the child's face, head, or neck.
- 50% of all children in the U.S. will be bitten by a dog before their 12th birthday!



DOG BITE PREVENTION TIPS:

When a Dog Approaches

- Don't run away. Dogs will naturally chase after you.
- Stand still with your hands by your side.
- Do not extend your hands. Allow the dog to approach and sniff you.
- Stay calm and still. If you scream or jump up and down, it might scare the dog and he will attack.
- Always face the dog. Do not let him get behind you. Do not stare.
- Back up slowly, always watching the dog, until you are out of sight.

Safety Tips for Parents

- Don't leave a baby or young child alone with a dog.
- Never let a child pull a dog's ears, tail, etc.
- Never let a child walk or feed a dog by themselves.
- Do not allow your child to play rough with the dog.
- Never allow your child to reach into a car to pet a strange dog.
- Do not allow your child to discipline a dog.

Dogs are great companions, but they are still dogs. As parents, it is our responsibility to show leadership to the dog and to always keep them in a safe situation. Following our guidelines will keep them safe and prevent our kids from possible dog bites.

This information is being presented to help dog owners provide them with happy, safe, and long lives. Please use the information provided here as a guideline only. Always consult your Veterinarian regarding any health issue or nutritional guidelines. Please contact your local Home Dog Training Master Dog Trainers, Bruce & Robin Edwards for detailed training and behavioral issues. You can contact us through our web site at http://www.NorthGeorgiaDogTraining.com