



Level I: Grades K-2

STUDENT WORKSHEETS

Lesson 3: Animals We Call Pets Worksheet 1: May I Meet the Dog?

Pet dogs are friendly domesticated animals, and it's fun to meet them and make friends. But it's always best to remember a few rules you need to follow the first time you meet a dog.

1. Make sure the dog is on a leash and his person is holding the leash. A dog on a leash is usually safe to meet.
2. Stand quietly with your arms at your sides. Then...
3. Ask the dog's person if the dog is friendly. Ask, "May I pet your dog?" If the person says "yes," then you can...
4. Walk slowly toward the dog and talk to him in a quiet voice. If the dog acts friendly, let him sniff the back of your hand. This is a dog's way of showing that he's interested in meeting you.
5. You can now pet the dog on the top of his head. Make sure you pet him slowly and gently. You can continue speaking to him quietly.

NEVER...

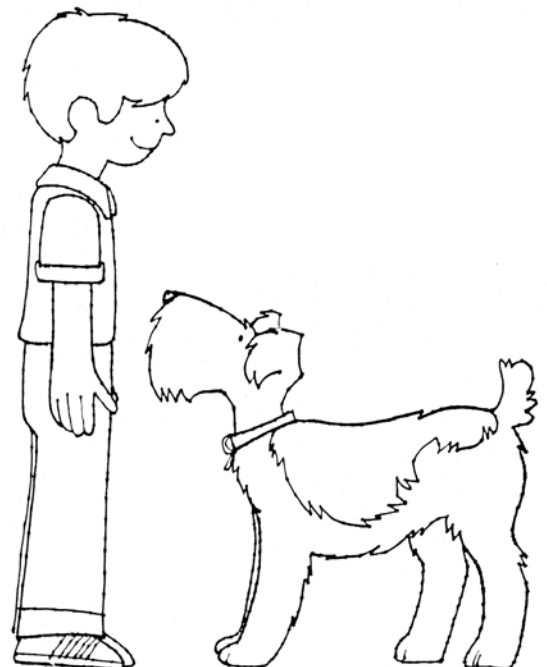
- Shout at the dog.
- Wave your arms.
- Try to grab the dog.
- Run away from the dog.

ALWAYS REMEMBER...

- *If a dog looks scared or angry, leave him alone.
- *If you think a dog is angry, hurt, or scared, leave him alone. Look for an adult to help the dog.
- *If a dog growls at you or tries to chase you, **STAND STILL. DON'T RUN. STAY QUIET.** The dog will probably sniff you and then walk away.
- *If you follow all the rules, and a dog still bites you, make sure to talk to an adult. Tell the adult what the dog looks like and where you saw him.

DOGS MAY BITE WHEN...

- *They are scared, angry, or hurt.
- *They are protecting their food, territory, puppies, or people.





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IS IT SAFE TO PET THIS DOG?

Read about each dog below. Then decide if it is safe to pet the dog. Write YES if it is safe and NO if it is not safe. Be ready to explain why you wrote YES or NO.

- _____ 1. You see your friend Susan sitting on the steps in front of her house. Her dog Mikey is sitting next to her and is busy chewing on a bone. You walk up to Susan.
- _____ 2. Freddi is walking in the park with her person and has a leash. Her owner tells you, "Say hello to Freddi. She loves to be petted."
- _____ 3. You see Sandy, a very small Chihuahua, on the street. She comes running to you. You see that she has hurt her paw and it is bleeding.
- _____ 4. Joey is in the street all by himself, jumping and wagging his tail. He runs up to you. He looks very happy.
- _____ 5. You are visiting your friend Larry. Larry's dog Rudy runs over to Larry and sits when Larry tells him to sit. Larry pets him. He says, "Rudy wants to meet you."
- _____ 6. You are walking by your neighbor's house. His dog Kelli is running and jumping inside the fenced yard. Kelli is barking loudly.
- _____ 7. Pogo is sitting quietly outside the supermarket waiting for his person. His leash is tied to a pole. You ask your mother if you can pet Pogo. What do you think your mother says?
- _____ 8. Pearlie is your cousin's dog. She has just had puppies. They are so cute and cuddly! Pearlie is sitting next to them in a big box. She looks like she does not want people to touch them.
- _____ 9. Elvis is sitting inside his person's car waiting for his person to return. The car window is partly open, and Elvis has his head outside the window. He looks like he is smiling.
- _____ 10. You go with your friend Marcie and her mother to pick up their dog Bobby at the vet's. Bobby is very sleepy because he has just had an operation.