

For Parents:

In this pamphlet, we have tried to emphasize the importance of telling an adult when a dog bothers you.

So.... now that your child has told you, what do you do?

If you can, find out who the owner is. Simply informing the owner that there is a problem with their dog may be enough to solve it. You may also call the Rockingham County Animal Control Officer at the Sheriff's Office.

You may also want to contact the Rockingham County Humane Society. Their services include:

- location of lost pets;
- outreach on the need for neutering;
- information on proper animal care;
- information/referral;
- education on responsible pet ownership;
- information on state and local animal laws, and;
- animal adoption.

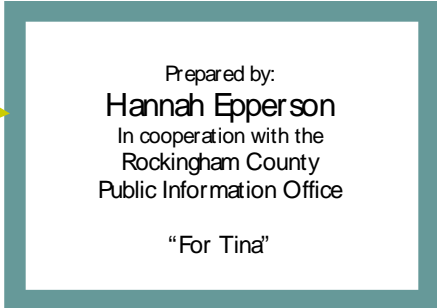
Contact Information

**Rockingham County
Animal Control Officer
(Sheriff's Office):**
634-3233

PO Box 128, Law & Order Bldg, Hwy 65,
Wentworth, NC 27375
www.co.rockingham.nc.us/Sheriff/index.htm


**You can access the Animal Control
Ordinance Brochure at**
www.co.rockingham.nc.us/dogbro.pdf

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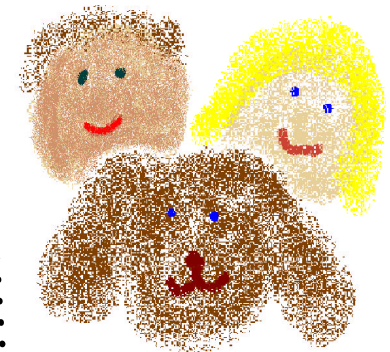
"For Tina"



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**Kids & Dogs:
Safety First!**



An information pamphlet for kids!

Test Your Pet Safety IQ

“May I Pet Your Dog?”

You're walking down the street to your friend's house after school, when you see a neighbor of yours walking their dog. It's such a cute little dog, and he's so fluffy and soft looking. You've always loved dogs, and you really, *really* want to pet this one. What do you do?

- A. Approach the dog carefully and pet him if it looks safe.
- B. Pet the dog as you walk by.
- C. Ask the owner if it's ok to pet the dog first.
- D. Avoid the dog.

Which answer did you choose? If you picked **C**: ask the owner if it's ok first, you are absolutely right! Give yourself a pat on the back.

When you meet someone walking his or her dog, *always* ask if it's ok to pet the dog, first. The dog may not like people, or it may not be safe for you to try and pet it. The owner

will know, so be sure to ask their permission!

NOTE: You should never pet a service dog (seeing eye dog, etc) when he's working. You may pet him when

he's at rest with his owner's permission.



Bobby's Pet

You've arrived at your friend, Bobby's, house, ready to play. Your favorite game is hide-n-seek, and your "it". Bobby's already hiding, and your running around the house, trying to find him before he runs to base. As you round a corner, you nearly run into Bobby's dog! All your screaming and running has made the dog nervous, and he's barking at you! What do you do?

- A. Yell at the dog, until he learns you're the boss.
- B. Turn and run.
- C. Scream for Bobby to help.
- D. Stand very still and back away slowly.

Which answer did you pick this time? If you picked **D**, you're right again! Gee, you're smart!

If you yell at a dog, you may make him nervous or angry, and he

may decide you're not his friend. Turning and running may provoke the dog to chase you. But if you are calm, and don't turn you're back, you can get away with out making the dog any more frightened. Go into the house and tell Bobby's mom or dad what happened, so they can help you.



All Alone

It's dinner time, and time to go home. You've had a great time at Bobby's and you're really tired. You decide to take a short cut home through the field behind Bobby's house. You're almost home, when two strange dogs approach you. You've never seen them before, and they're making you feel nervous. What do you do?

- A. Run back to Bobby's house
- B. Keep walking.
- C. Stay very still and calm
- D. Run to your house

Did you choose answer **C**? Wow! Right again!

When you are approached by a strange dog, it is important to stay very still. If you wave your arms at them or move too fast, they may think you want to hurt them. Looking into their eyes can bother them, too. If the dog snaps at you, give him a book or something else to chew on. (If you get knocked over, curl up in a little ball, and cover your face and neck with your arms.)

Back away slowly from the dog, so he knows you aren't trying to be mean. Get to a close, safe house and tell an adult what happened.

