How Kids SHOULD Interact with Dogs

Use common sense.



Learn to recognize when your dog is scared or anxious

Be polite and kind to pets

Play appropriate games with pets, such as:





Training tricks (like roll over, shake, beg, etc.)

Walking and running with a dog





Playing hide-n-seek

Always remember:

Supervise all interactions. Accidents can happen in a split second.



Train your dog to associate the kids with positive experiences so he'll be more likely to tolerate your child in case she accidentally interacts



inappropriately.













How Kids SHOULD NOT Interact with Dogs

It's common sense. Just imagine how people should interact with each other.

Avoid taking people's food





Avoid bothering dogs when they are eating

Avoid stealing other people's toys





Avoid taking a dog's bones or toys

Avoid putting your face right up to someone else's face





Avoid putting your face right up to a dog's face

Avoid bothering when asleep





Avoid bothering animals when they are resting. Let sleeping dogs lie.

Avoid pestering





Avoid grabbing tail/ears

Avoid climbing on or trampling





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Avoid pinching





Avoid hugging. Most dogs dislike it.

Avoid screaming around





Avoid hollering and shouting. Use your "inside" voice instead.

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