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DOG SAFETY

How to stay safe around dogs



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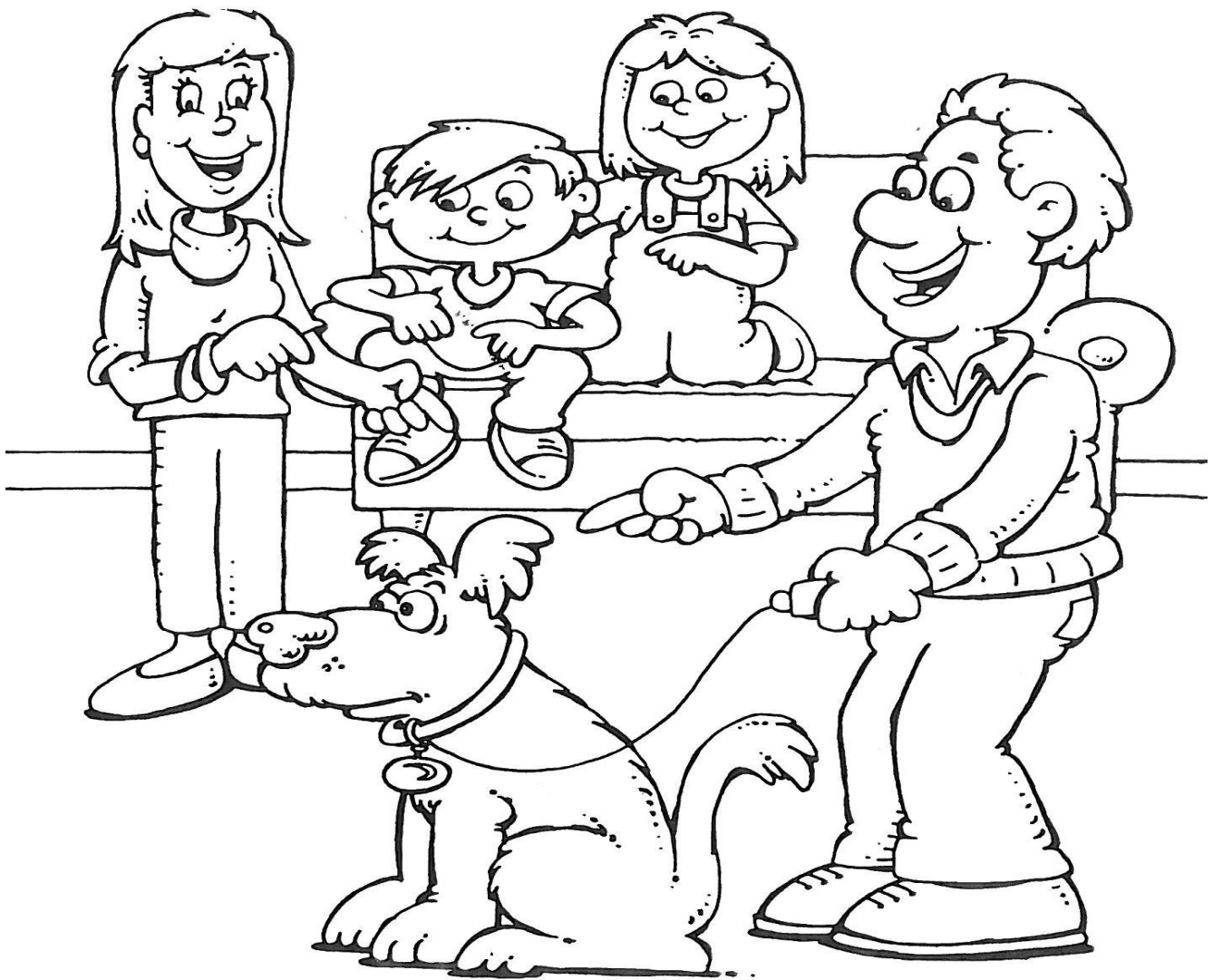
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HOW TO SAFELY MEET A DOG

Step 1

Ask your parent or the adult in charge
of you if you can pet the dog

Remember, the dog **must be on a leash**
or it is not safe to meet the dog



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Step 2

Ask permission from the owner
Before you pet the dog

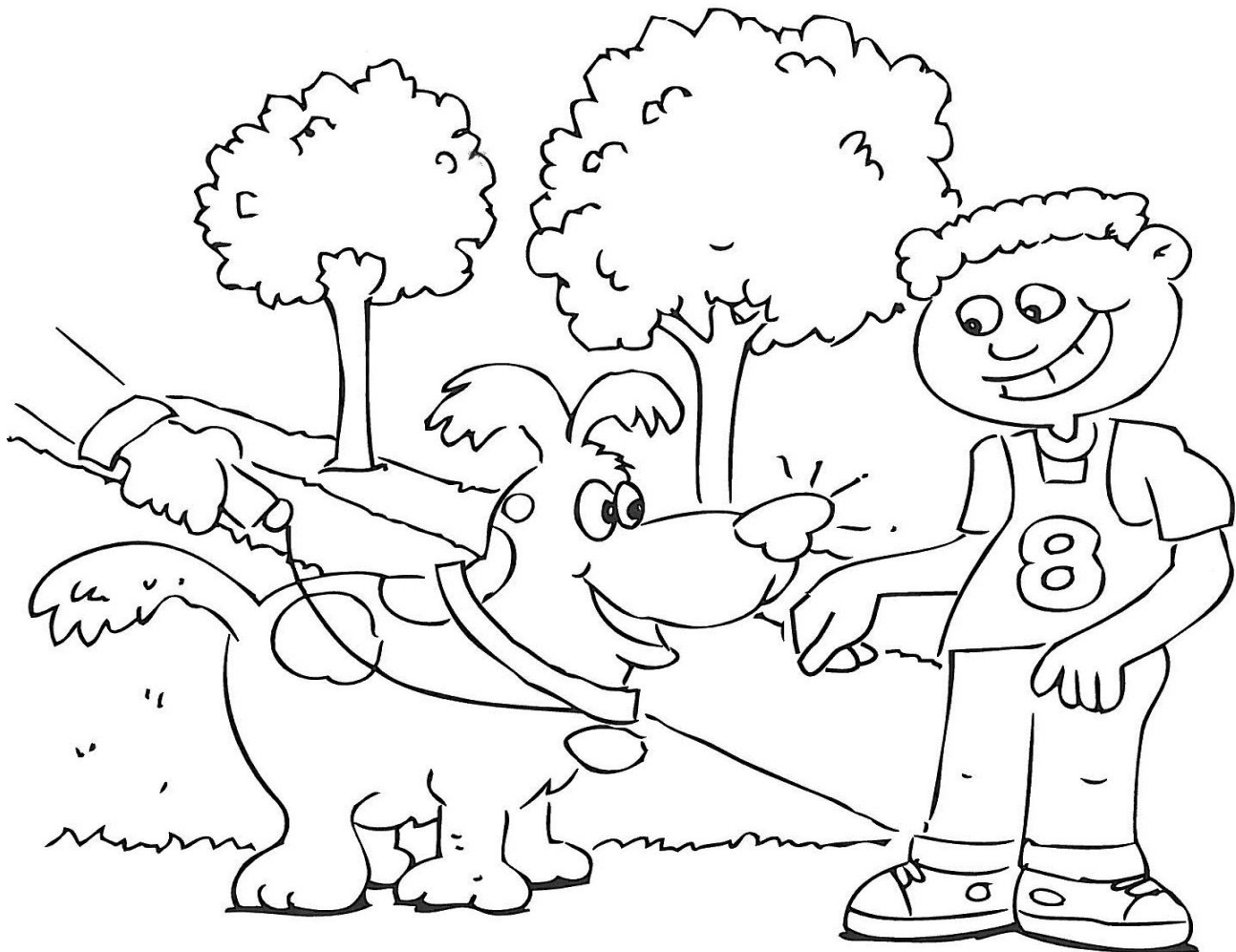


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Step 3

When you approach a dog,
walk up slowly from the side

Speak softly, make a fist and let
the dog sniff the back of your fist



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Step 4

Pet the dog on it's back or side

NEVER pet a dog you don't know
on the head or around the mouth



Never get face to face with a dog

DO NOT DISTURB A SLEEPING DOG

Touching a sleeping dog can scare the dog and scared dogs can bite



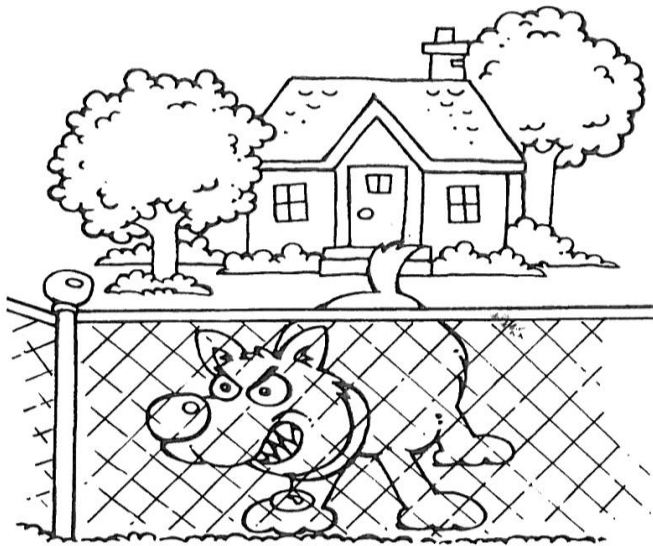
DON'T GO NEAR A DOG THAT IS EATING

Leave the dog alone until he is finished eating



DOGS LOVE TO PROTECT THINGS

Leave dogs alone that are in a car,
behind a fence or protecting a toy



"Please don't come near
me when I am busy
protecting my toys and my
owner's things"



DOGS LOVE TO PLAY

Always be gentle when playing with your dog



"Please don't play rough or tease me. I love to play fetch or go for a walk"



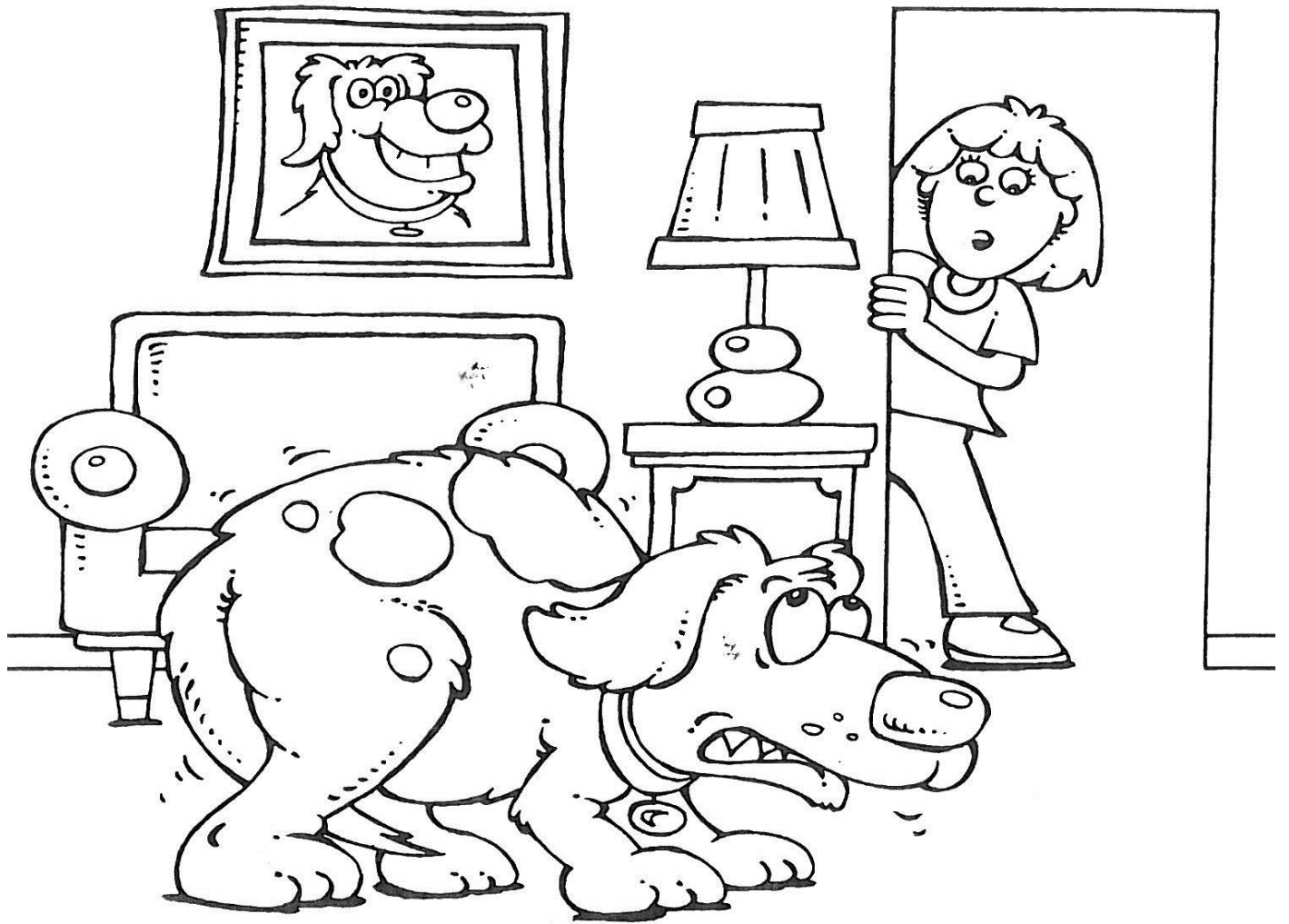
NEVER TRY TO TAKE ANYTHING FROM A DOG'S MOUTH

Tug of War is **NOT** a safe game to play



HOW CAN YOU TELL IF A DOG IS SCARED?

A scared dog is a dangerous dog

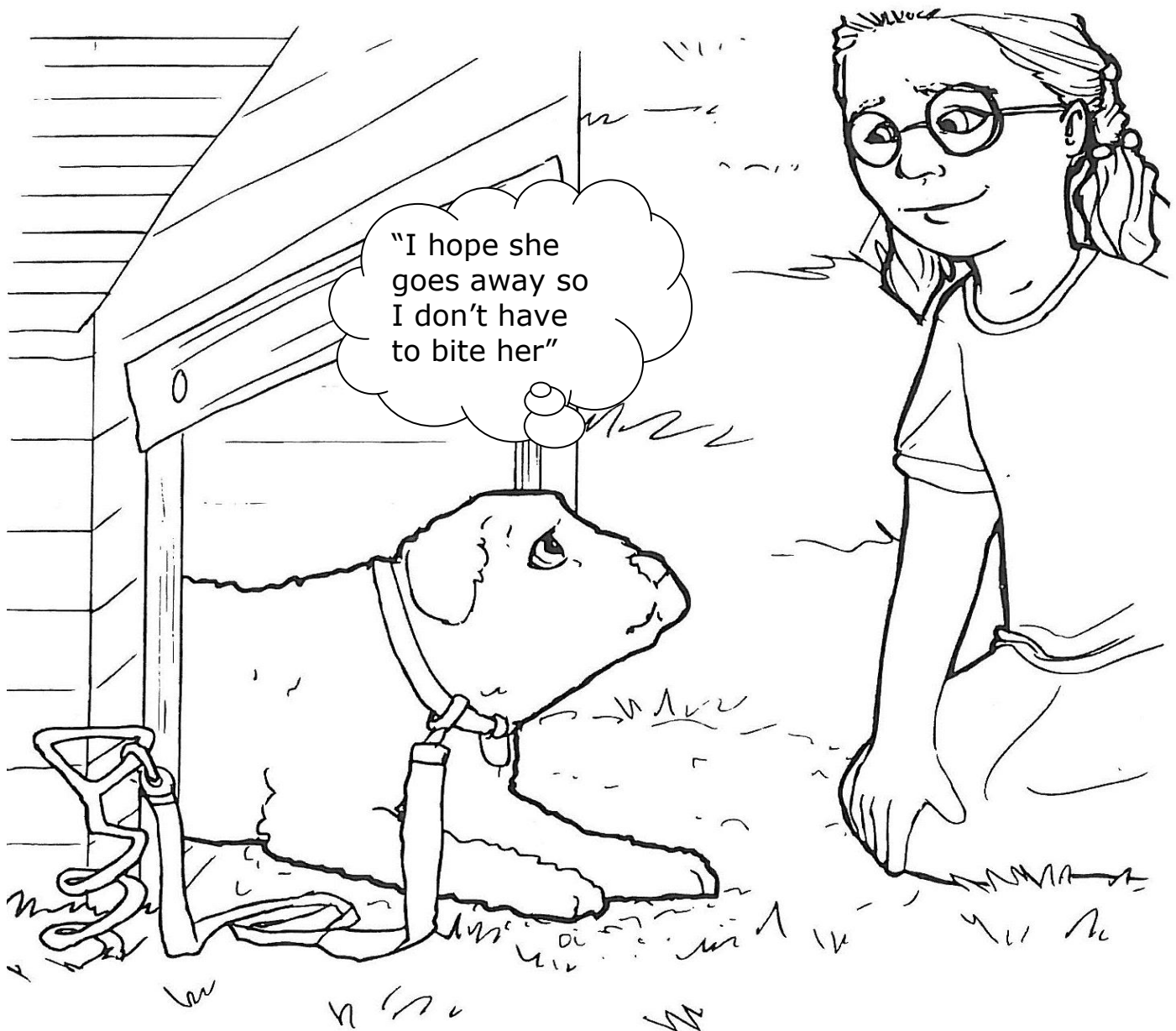


Well, check this dog out. His ears are back, and his head is hanging low to the ground. His body is crouched down, and his tail is between his legs. Stay away from scared dogs!



STAY AWAY FROM DOGS THAT ARE TIED UP OR CHAINED

Dogs that can't run away can get scared when people come close to them



IF A LOOSE DOG COMES TOWARD YOU – STAND LIKE A TREE

Stand very still, be very quiet
and don't look at the dog



IF A SCARY DOG COMES TOWARD YOU USE ANYTHING YOU HAVE AS A SHIELD

Remember, **NEVER** try to run away



DOG BITES CAN STILL HAPPEN

If a dog bites you, tell a grown up right away. Describe what the dog looks like and where he went. Make sure the bite is reported to Animal Control so they can prevent another person from getting hurt.



BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER

Always walk your dog on a leash.
Always be gentle and loving and
make your dog a part of the family.



PARENTS

This book was put together in an effort to keep your children safe around dogs. Did you know that **half of all children will be bitten by a dog at least once before their 12th birthday?** Most dog bites happen in someone's home or other familiar place and **most (77%) of all bites are from their own dog or a dog belonging to a family or friend.**

WHY DO DOGS BITE?

To protect things and they protect everything they can see and every place where they are, like their house, yard, car, etc.

Never try to touch a dog that is:

- Eating
- Drinking
- Sleeping
- Playing with a toy
- Playing with another dog
- Playing with another person
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Dogs can bite when they are scared. The most dangerous dog in the world is any kind of dog that is scared and all types of dogs can be afraid of many different things, such as:

- Loud noises
- Running children
- Other dogs
- Hugs
- Being petted on the head
- Being cornered

Dogs can bite when they are excited. Sometimes dogs get so excited when they are playing they use their mouths in play, which can result in an accidental bite. When a dog starts to get over excited it is time to stop the game until he/she calms down.

Dogs also bite when they are sick, injured or in pain, irritated or being teased. Never try to help or touch a dog that is sick or injured and teasing a dog is never the right thing to do.

SAFETY AROUND YOUR OWN DOGS

- Never yell at or hit a dog
- Don't pull their ears, tail or hair
- Don't play tug of war
- Give a treat putting by putting it in your open hand or dropping it on the ground
- Never try to take anything out of their mouth
- Never try to comfort them when they are scared – leave them alone
- Make sure the dog is spayed or neutered
- Supervise children at all times when they are interacting with a dog
- Train your dog using positive reinforcement techniques

