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Tasha's Tips To Kids For Keeping Safe Around Dogs

1. Be polite and ask the dog's owner first if it is okay to pet their dog.
2. Always approach the dog slowly.
3. Dogs recognize people better by smell than sight, so before petting the dog let him smell you first, so they can learn who you are.
4. Start your petting under the dog's chin or chest, not the top of their head.
5. Pet a dog gently, never pinch, pull or hit them.
6. Don't approach a loose dog without the owner around.
7. If a loose dog approaches you do not yell, make loud noises or run away. Cross your arms around your chest, look away from the dog and stand still like a tree, and then slowly back away from the dog.
8. A few body signs of a non-friendly dog are showing their teeth, growling and raised fur along their neck and down their back.
9. Do not put your hand through a fence or car window to touch a dog.
10. Do not disturb a dog when they are eating or a mother dog when her puppies are with her.
11. Never take a toy or anything else from a dog's mouth unless they are willing to drop it when you ask them to.
12. Do not sneak up on or make sudden movements around a dog.
13. Avoid staring at the eyes of a dog.
14. If you see two dogs fighting do not try and break it up. Find an adult for help.