

Looking after your dog or pup

Like you, your dog needs food, water, shelter, exercise, training, medical (vet) treatment and love.

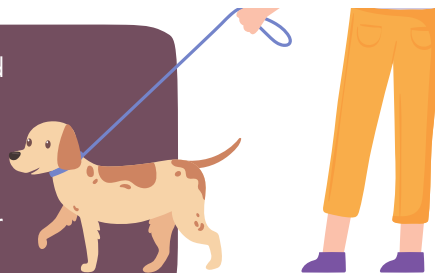
Food - Lots of human food is bad for dogs and can make them ill. They need dog food bought from a pet shop or supermarket.

Water - Dogs always need a bowl of fresh water, make sure you keep it filled up.



Shelter - The best place for your dog to sleep is in your house on a dog bed or in a crate. Dogs are pack animals, and their humans are their pack. They prefer to be able to hear or smell you when they sleep to know they are safe and you are close. They need to be somewhere warm and dry, especially in winter.

Training and exercise - It is important that dogs learn how to behave and follow the rules to keep them safe. There are puppy and dog schools to help you teach them. Good things for dogs to learn include going to the toilet outside, sit, how to walk properly on a leash and to come when called. Give them lots of praise when they get it right. Dogs like to go for walks every day and sniff and explore.



Going to the vet - To keep them safe, dogs need to be vaccinated as puppies and then every year. This protects them from diseases that make them very sick. Dogs need to go to the vet if they are unwell, like you need to go to a doctor.

Love - Dogs are happy when they are with you and their family. Just hanging out with you while you watch TV or read or going for a walk will make them happy.



Dog Safety



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Be dog smart

Everyone needs to know how to be safe around dogs, even if you know them.

Meeting strange dogs on a walk

We know they look cute and you just want to say hello and have pats – but it's better not go up to strange dogs, even if you have the owner's permission.

If you see a stray dog without an owner

Keep your distance, don't stare at the dog, don't scream and run. Walk away from the dog slowly and then tell an adult so they can call someone to help find the owner and keep the dog safe.

Being safe around dogs we know

It is important that we give our doggy friends space and use gentle hands. They can't talk to us to let us know when they feel uncomfortable, so we need to follow some rules to make sure they are OK. Always listen to an adult if they say stop!

Safety at home

Do

Let the dog or pup come to you for pats and play.



Have an adult around when you are playing with your dog.



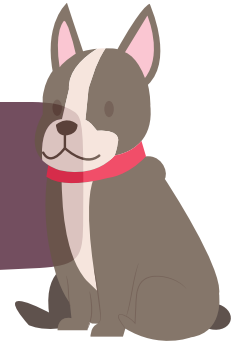
Give two or more doggies playing with each other space.



If a dog is in their safe space (bed or crate) leave them alone.

Do Not

Don't pick them up, even little puppies.



Don't approach a dog when it is eating its dinner. Don't try and take a toy off them.

No tight hugging or getting in their face and no shouting or screaming.



Don't sit on or try to ride your dog. Don't pull their ears or tail or poke them in the eyes or nose.

