

## If you see a Strange Dog...

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Do not to pet the dog.

- Do not stare at the dog.
- Do not run.
- Try not to scream or make a lot of noise.
- Put something between you and the dog.
- Always face the dog.
- If the dog approaches you, stay calm and stand still.
- When the dog starts to leave, slowly back away.
- Report loose dogs to Animal Control.

## When Going up to a Strange House...

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- Be aware of unfamiliar dogs.
- Obey "Warning" signs if posted.
- Be Alert
- If you know there is a dog on the property, do something to attract the dog.
  - ◊ Yell
  - ◊ Honk the car Horn
  - ◊ Rattle the gate
- Always carry something with you.
  - ◊ Umbrella
  - ◊ Jacket
  - ◊ Clipboard
- Know when a dog means business
  - ◊ Barking, snarling, ears are erect, appears ready to attack.
- Do **NOT** approach it!
- If the dog owner is home, stay at a safe distance and call out to them.
  - ◊ Only go to the house if the owner has complete control of the dog.
  - ◊ Walk to the owner from the side.
  - ◊ Do not swing your arms.

## If Bitten...

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1. Wash the wound very well with soap and warm water for 10—15 minutes..
2. Control any bleeding.
3. Put a bandage or gauze on the wound.
4. Seek health care right away for
  - \* Proper wound care.
  - \* Antibiotics.
  - \* Tetanus booster (if needed).
  - \* Rabies shots (if needed).

## Reporting a Bite

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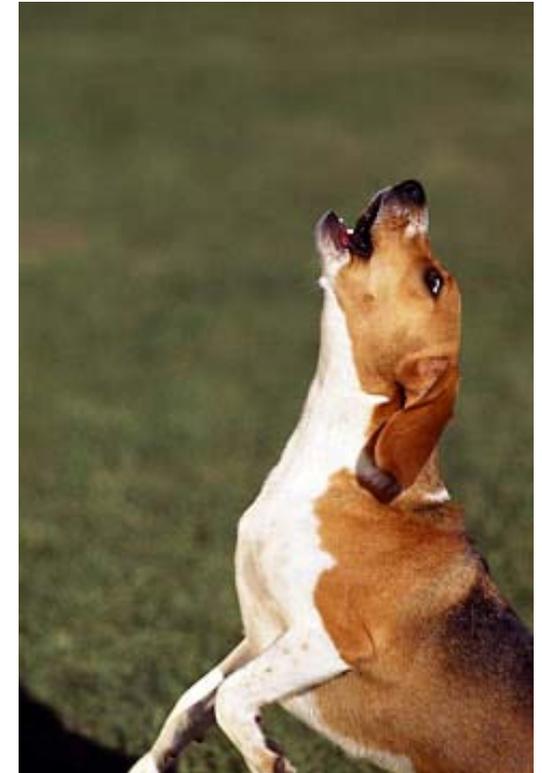
All bites must be reported to Vilas County Sheriff's Department's non-emergency number: **715-479-4441**

- Law enforcement may quarantine cats, dogs, and ferrets only.
- High risk animals need to be quarantined or tested for rabies.

### Resources:

Wis. Stats. Sec. 95.21.  
[www.cdc.gov/rabies](http://www.cdc.gov/rabies)  
[www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/rabies/index.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/rabies/index.htm)

# Dog Bite Prevention



Vilas County Health Department  
330 Court Street  
Eagle River, WI 54521  
715-479-3656  
[www.vilaspublichealth.com](http://www.vilaspublichealth.com)

# DOG TO ENGLISH TRANSLATION CHART

## Why Dogs Bite:

They are:

- Eating
- Sleeping
- Sick
- Injured
- Scared or feel threatened
- Being Teased
- Nursing or protecting their puppies
- Protecting:
  - ◊ Children
  - ◊ Yard
  - ◊ Their toys or treats
- Guarding cars
- Frustrated from being chained or tied up

## Warning Signs:

- Barking, growling, snapping, snarling.
- They pull away when you try to pet them.
- Stiff body, raised fur.
- Bare teeth/curl lips.

A wagging tail is **not necessarily** a sign that a dog is friendly!

