

First aid for dog bites:

Dog bites must be reported immediately to The City of Calgary Animal Services (3-1-1) for investigation.

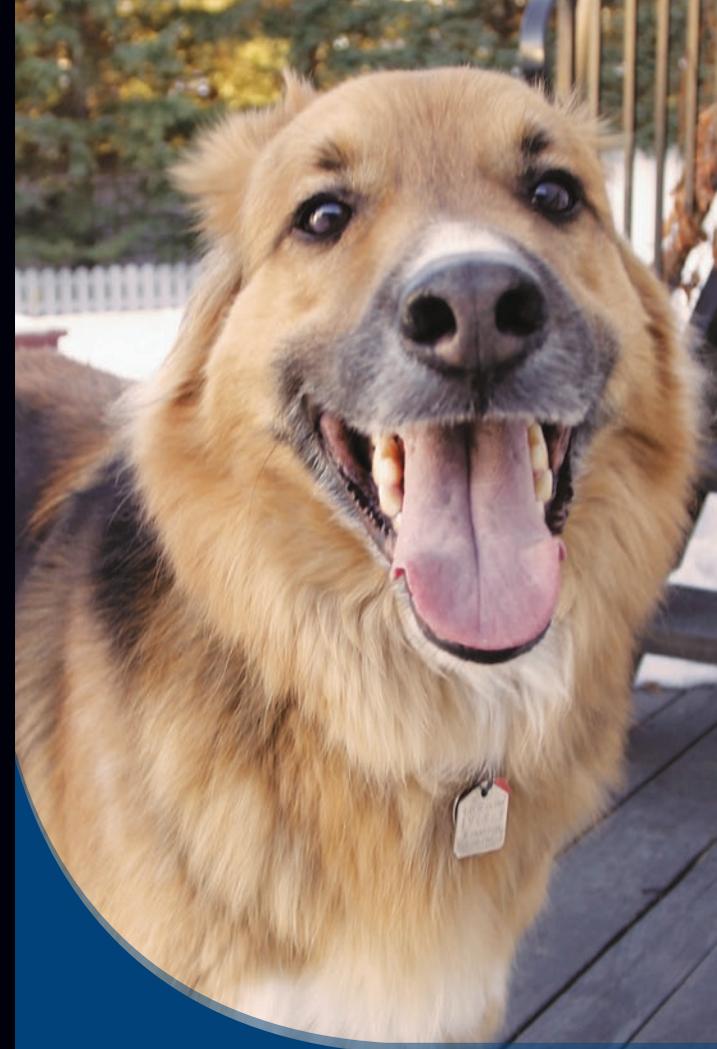
- Disinfect the wound by washing with soap and water.
- Loosely cover the bite with gauze.
- See a doctor as soon as possible.
- Ask the doctor if a tetanus injection is recommended.

Reporting procedures for The City of Calgary Animal Services:

The following information is useful:

- Date and time of incident.
- Where the incident occurred.
- Where the dog lives.
- Breed of dog.
- Size of dog.
- Colour of dog.
- Identifying features of the dog.
- Did the dog have a collar, tag or licence?

To book our PAWS for Safety Dog Bite Prevention School Program, for information about any of our school programs, or about preventing dog bites, contact our Public Education advisors at 268-1096.



dog bite prevention

The City of Calgary Animal Services
2201 Portland St. S.E.
Call 3-1-1 or visit
calgary.ca/animalservices.

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The City of Calgary Animal Services ensures Calgary is a place where pets, their owners and neighbours live in safety and harmony.

Goals are achieved through:

- Promoting responsible pet ownership.
- Enforcing animal-related bylaws.
- Cat and dog licensing.
- Public education.
- Presentations such as PAWS for Safety Dog Bite Prevention Program.
- Caring for animals impounded under the bylaws.
- Cat and dog adoption programs.
- Volunteer animal socialization programs.

The PAWS for Safety Dog Bite Prevention School Program:

Since 1999, Animal Services has provided interactive safety presentations to students in ECS through Grade 6. The program aims to reduce the number of dog bite incidents by teaching students safe behaviour.

Please read these tips, they're applicable for all ages. If your child had a presentation at school today, help us by reviewing these concepts with him or her.

Stray dogs:

- Are often frightened and unpredictable — so stay away as they may bite.
- Don't pet or approach a dog — even if it's a dog you know because it may bite.
- Adults, telephone Animal Services (3-1-1) to have the dog picked up and safely returned to the owner.
- Teach children to tell an adult when they see a stray dog.
- Stay away from a dog tied up outside a school or store as it is often frightened and may bite.

When a stray dog approaches:

- Never run, yell or hit the dog.
- The dog is unpredictable so stand like a tree.
- To **STAND LIKE A TREE**, make your hands into fists and place them under your chin. Stand still, don't speak to the dog, and look at the ground. Never stare into the dog's eyes. After sniffing you, the dog will go away because you are boring.



If you're standing like a tree and the dog barks, growls or tries to jump on you:

- **LIE LIKE A LOG** using the ground for protection. Lie face down on your stomach with your hands covering the back of your neck. Lie still and don't speak to the dog. This is the safest position. Expect the dog to sniff you, eventually get bored and go away.
- Do not peek or get up until you're sure the dog has left.



Meeting a dog with its owner:

Whether you are the parent of a child or a dog owner, please help us by teaching children these easy steps to meet a dog:

1. Ask the owner's permission to pet the dog.
2. Let the dog sniff your hand. Don't place your hand in the dog's face.
3. Pet the dog under the chin. Many people pet the dog on its head but this sudden hand motion is frightening for a dog.

Safety around dogs:

- Don't pull a dog's tail or hurt it.
- Don't take away a dog's food, toys or bone.
- Don't encourage aggressiveness by playing tug-of-war: play fetch instead.
- Don't disturb a dog when it's sleeping or eating.
- Always keep your face away from dogs.
- Teach children to pet, rather than hug a dog.
- Never leave children and pets unsupervised.
- If a dog gets overexcited when children play, place the dog in a kennel or another room.
- Never approach a dog with her puppies.
- Never approach a dog in a vehicle.
- Dogs protect, so don't get between them and their owner.
- Never run away from a dog.
- If you're chased while on a bike, get off the bike and keep it between you and the dog.
- If trapped in a dog's backyard, slowly back out.
- Always let a dog sniff your hand prior to petting it.