THINGS TO KNOW

Remember not to approach a mother dog when she is with her puppies. Some mother dogs can be very protective of their babies and may bite. Never approach a dog that is sleeping you may startle the dog and it may bite. Do not tease a dog with food by offering the food to the dog then pulling it away. If a dog is eating do not try to take its food away. If you see a dog is hurt or injured do not touch the dog, a dog may bite if touched in a sore spot. Call your Bylaw Services Department, The people at Bylaw Services are trained to deal with injured animals.

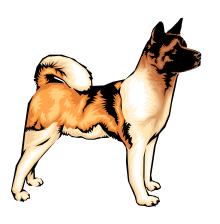




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Things to do if Bitten by a dog & Important Facts

Dog Bites

If you are bitten by a dog or a cat, seek medical attention. Contact your City Bylaw Services Department and note time and day the dog bite happened, also the color, type of dog and if known, where the dog lives. Write down the circumstances as soon as possible so that they are not forgotten.



Important Facts:

Make sure your dog is up to date on its rabies vaccinations. Dogs that have bitten without a current rabies vaccination are quarantined for 14 days. Do not let your dog run at large, there is less chance of an incident occurring if your dog is secured or in your care. Walk your dog on a leash. Know your dogs temperament.

TIPS

- When approached by an unknown dog slowly back away trying not to look in the dogs eyes.
- Never pet a dog that you do not know and only pet a dog that is first successfully introduced to you by the owner.
- If you are approached by a dog while walking your bicycle, place the bike between you and the dog. The bicycle will act as a barrier and may guard you from an aggressive dog.
- In the event you are attacked and knocked to the ground by one or more dogs and are unable to regain your feet Lay on your stomach like a log and put your hands behind your head to protect your neck. When doing this yell for help.

Education

The City Whitehorse Bylaw Services Department have developed programs targeted for educating elementary school children about safety and the laws that pertain to dogs. These programs have been designed to enhance the safety and standard of living in our community.



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