



Dog Bite Prevention Pledge

Dear Parent/Teacher:

Did you know that 50% of all children in the United States will be bitten by a dog before their 12th birthday?

The majority of children are bitten by a dog he or she knows – the family pet, a neighbor's dog or a friend's dog. You can help prevent this from happening by teaching your children the appropriate way to behave around dogs. Review the Humane Society of Scott County's Canines & Kids – Safe Behavior and Care Sheets and use the information provided to explain the importance of understanding and signing the pledge below.

I Pledge That:

- ✓ I will not stare into a dog's eyes.
- ✓ I will not tease dogs behind fences.
- ✓ I will not go near dogs chained up in yards.
- ✓ I will not touch a dog I see loose (off leash) outside.
- ✓ If I see a loose dog, I will tell an adult immediately.
- ✓ I will not run and scream if a loose dog comes near me.
- ✓ I will stand very still (like a post) and will be very quiet if a dog comes near me.
- ✓ I will not touch or play with a dog while he or she is eating.
- ✓ I will not touch a dog when he or she is sleeping.
- ✓ I will only pet a dog if I get permission from the dog's owner.

Child's Signature

Parent's/Teacher's Signature



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