



Importance of Kid and Dog Safety

- **You can't train every single kid:** one of the biggest mistakes that we can make as dog owners is to assume that parents will train their kids to behave around your dog. That is just not true and is not possible. Instead, we need to focus on training our dogs to be bullet proof around kids. We can train our dogs but we cannot train all the kids.
- **Make your dog bulletproof around kids:** to make your dog bullet proof around children you need to make him accustomed to how children act and behave. One way to do that is to play Simon Says. The adult has lots of good treats and asks the child to touch the dog as you treat the dog. This can help the dog get used to being touched by a child. Another thing you can do as an adult, is to act like a child. So, you can be rougher with handling your dog, tug on things, hug your dog, lay on your dog, dress up your dog and give lots of treats. Have your dog be around noisy kids, like at a playground while giving treats to get them used to kids running around and being noisy.
- **Make your child bulletproof around dogs:** as a parent, even if you do not have dogs in your house, you need to educate your child about dogs. Teach them to recognize different body language. Instruct them on how to say hi to a dog and how to pet the dog. Teach them about not running up to strange dogs, not to enter someone's property with a strange dog and what to do when being chased by a dog.
- **Build a stronger bond between your dog and children:** encourage your child to train your dog with you. Training helps the dog understand that the child is also part of the family and needs to be taken seriously but training can also help your child feel like they have control of the dog and can give him direction when needed.
- **NEVER leave a dog unattended with a child:** do not leave small children alone with a dog. So much can happen between the two. Accidents happen all the time. A child could push the dog too far and you won't be there to read the dog's behavior. They might play rough and hurt the child. So much can happen that you really should not take that risk.

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