

## Program Profile – Be Doggone Smart at Home™

Be Doggone Smart at Home™ is a must see seminar for parents (and grandparents) or anyone with young children and dogs. Designed to alert parents to problems before they occur, this program teaches families how to read their dog's behaviour and how to supervise the way their children interact with the family dog to promote a safe, fun and loving environment.

### Agenda for the Seminar

- ❖ Welcome and introductions
- ❖ Risk assessment/questionnaire
- ❖ Why dogs bite
- ❖ Why children are targets
- ❖ How dogs warn us
- ❖ How to read dog behaviour
- ❖ Interactive games
- ❖ Fun and games at home
- ❖ Risk reduction at home/when to intervene
- ❖ When to seek professional help
- ❖ Questions and answers

### Seminar Handouts

- ❖ Risk assessment questionnaire
- ❖ Parent guide
- ❖ Safe games
- ❖ Be a tree handout for children
- ❖ List of resources

*"I found the Bite Prevention Demonstration that was part of the 2003 Royal to be informative and entertaining.... For the future I would like to see the presentation expanded upon in order to enable an even larger audience participation component."*

**Sue Sheridan – Manager Royal Winter Fair Education Program and Special Features**

### Learn How to Take a Bite out of Danger

The available dog bite statistics prove that there is a significant need for parents to be much better educated in dog behaviour to read the danger signs. Consider the following...

- ❖ there are 460,000 bites per year in Canada; 4.7 million in the US
- ❖ most bites are by a known dog
- ❖ most bites are to children
- ❖ 50% of all children are bitten by age 12
- ❖ the face is the most common bite site

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Dedicated to safe Kid and K9 interaction from the start