

- 1) The baby (and other children) are never left alone with the dog even for a second.
- 2) In order to gain compliance from the dog the babysitter should use treats rather than force.
- 3) Dog should not be bothered when eating, sleeping, chewing on something or in his special place.
- 4) Children may not interact with the dog when the parents are not home.
- 5) The babysitter has the right to refuse to look after the dog and to ask that the dog be confined or taken with the owners.
- 6) If you are outside with the children, never allow them to interact with any dog, even if they know the dog, or the owner says it is OK.
- 7) If you are outside with the children and see a loose dog in the distance, take the children back indoors, or leave the area in a calm manner.
- 8) If a loose dog approaches, instruct the children to Be a Tree. That is stand still, fold their branches (hands folded in front) and watch their roots grow (look at their feet). The babysitter should be a tree as well. Stay still until the dog goes away or help comes. If the dog returns, resume being trees.