

Kid and K9 Safety Tips and Activities



Draw lines to match the dog body language with the dog's feeling

A. Half moon eye

1. Angry

B. Panting and wagging

2. Deciding

C. Ears forward/mouth closed

3. Happy

D. Tail between legs

4. Anxious

E. Growling/ teeth bared

5. Scared



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D-5:

Answers

A-4: B-3: C-2:

True or False? - Circle T or F

- Dogs like hugs and kisses.
- Standing still like a tree is a safe way to get a dog to go away.
- Chained dogs are more likely to bite than dogs that are loose.
- Dogs often yawn to tell us that they are worried and want to be left alone.
- Dogs usually enjoy a scratch on the side of the neck.
- 6. A dog that pulls its owner along on the leash is safe to approach.
- 7. A dog holding his tail straight up in the air is safe to approach.
- Dogs like to sniff to say hello.
- 9. A dog who is panting and wagging his tail wants to be friends.

- 10. A dog with his tail between his legs is scared and should be left alone.
- 11. Dogs can make great pets.

Answers: 1-F; 2-T; 3-T; 4-T; 5-T; 6-F; 7-F; 8-T; 9-T; 10-T; 11-T

House Rules

- 1. Supervise all dog-kid interactions.
- 2. Play only safe games with the dog.
- 3. Do not use aggressive punishment with the dog.
- 4. If a toddler is touching the dog, an adult also has their hands on the dog.
- Kids do not give the dog hugs and kisses - scratch the side of his neck instead.
- 6. Kids leave the dog alone if he is eating, resting, on or under the furniture or has a bone or toy.



Safe/Dangerous Games - Circle S or D

1. Tug of war D 2. Teaching tricks D

3. Wrestling D

4. Chase-me games D

5. Hide and seek S D

6. Fetch S D

Answers: 1-D; 2-S; 3-D; 4-D; 5-S; 6-S

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