

## TRAINING

Your dog may need to be trained to wear a muzzle for safety if you are at all uncertain about how the dog will react to children.

Remember to praise and reward the dog for good behaviour. Obedience training will help you to control your dog's behaviour.

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# Preventing Dog Attacks

Ranger Services



## RECOGNISING DANGER ZONES

There are certain times and places where a dog is more likely to be aggressive. By being aware of these danger zones, you may avoid being bitten, or if you are a dog owner, you may be able to prevent your dog from biting someone else. If you have a dog which is aggressive, you should seek professional advice before someone is injured.

### DANGER ZONES INCLUDE

#### ON THE DOG OWNERS PROPERTY

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#### IN THE CAR OR ON THE BACK OF A UTILITY OR TRUCK

The dog may consider the vehicle to be part of its territory and bite anyone who goes near the vehicle. If the dog is sitting in the car, do not leave the window down far enough for the dog to lunge out and bite someone.

#### LOCAL PARKS

At all local parks or streets, where the dog regularly walks and urinates to mark this area as its territory.

## WALKED ON A LEASH

When being walked on a leash, some dogs may be protective of their owners and become aggressive towards people or dogs walking by.

## WHEN THE DOG IS NEAR ITS OWNER OR THE OWNERS CHILDREN

If someone touches the owner, the dog may think that the person is threatening the owner and bite.

## OTHER REASONS

When the dog is grabbed or pulled by the collar.

When the dog is nervous, or feels cornered and cannot run away.

When the dog has a bone or toy, or is near its food or bed.

## ALL DOGS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH COUNCIL FROM THREE (3) MONTHS OF AGE.

## SUPERVISING DOGS WITH CHILDREN

Dogs and small children should never be left together unsupervised. No matter how good natured the dog is, a dangerous situation could develop if the dog is hurt, frightened, cornered or feels threatened.

Children must not hug and kiss dogs. Many bites on children's faces result from the child trying to hug a dog.

Children must be taught to handle animals gently and carefully.

Adults supervising dogs with children should be aware of potentially dangerous situations:

- When there is food around
- When the dog is nervous or excited
- When the dog is unwell or in pain
- When the dog has a litter of pups
- When two dogs are playing or fighting together
- When visiting children are with the dog
- When children play in or near the dog bed