

HELP FIGHT COVID-19 BY STAYING SAFE AROUND DOGS

PEOPLE DON'T THINK THAT THEIR DOG WOULD BITE
BUT MOST BITES TO CHILDREN ARE FROM THE FAMILY PET.

GOOD DOGS CAN STILL BITE.

RIGHT NOW, DOGS MAY FEEL A LITTLE OVERWHELMED WITH THE EXTRA ATTENTION.
THEY MAY FIND IT HARD TO ADJUST TO THE NEW ROUTINE AND ACT OUT OF CHARACTER.
AS A RESULT, DOG BITES MAY BE MORE COMMON. FOLLOW THESE TOP TIPS TO STAY SAFE:

DON'T:

Don't kiss or hug a dog.



Don't go into a dog's bed or disturb them whilst they are sleeping.



Don't disturb a dog whilst they are eating.



Don't ride on or tease a dog.



Don't let a child open the front door.



Don't play rough with a dog. Many bites occur during rough and tumble.



Do let your dog walk away during interactions and games, especially with children.

DO:

Do keep your dog and children separate, in another room or behind a baby gate, when you are not supervising them.



Do create a safe space where your dog will not be disturbed.



Do keep your dog entertained for example teach them new tricks (see Dogs Trust website).



Do shut your dog away before opening the front door.



Do observe children and dogs carefully. Intervene if you think your dog is getting tired or does not enjoy the interaction.

