



Tips for Making Friends with Dogs:

Dogs are loving and loyal companions! However, just to be safe, it is important to make sure that we approach them in the correct manner. Here are some guidelines to follow when meeting a dog to help ensure a friendly interaction:

- Make sure to ask permission before petting a dog.
- Let the dog sniff you first.
- If the guardian says yes, always pet gently on the side of the dog's neck or under his chin.
- Do not run if a strange dog approaches you. Instead, stand still with your hands at your sides. Staring into the dog's eyes or showing your teeth can be interpreted by the dog as a challenge or threat.
- Lie still and pull your knees into your chest if a dog knocks you down. Make your hands into fists, put your fists over your ears, and stay quiet.
- If you are bitten, tell an adult immediately after the dog leaves. Report the bite to 911.