

Things I need to know when I meet a dog:

Do:

- ◆ Ask your parent/guardian's permission.
- ◆ Ask dog's owner's permission and name of dog.
- ◆ Approach the dog at the shoulder, squat down to appear friendly.
- ◆ Extend your hand palm up. Make sure you allow the dog to sniff you first, so he knows you're his friend!
- ◆ Talk to the dog, speak softly and say "Hello".
- ◆ Gently scratch under their chin, neck or chest.
This is like kisses from their mommy.



Don't:

- ◆ Approach any animal that is alone, or when you are alone.
- ◆ Stick your face in their face.
- ◆ Approach any animal head on or from behind.
- ◆ Pet on the top of the dog's head.
- ◆ Run towards or away from a dog.
- ◆ Have food in your hand when saying "Hello".
- ◆ Smile and show your teeth.
- ◆ Approach any animal that is backing away, has their tail tucked, or ears and head pointing down.
- ◆ Approach any animal eating or chewing on something!!!