



# Dog Bite Prevention

## Programs for your community

**Education is the Key**, I simply cannot say it or stress it enough! Parents need to be educated about canine safety with their own family pets and not leaving children alone with pets. Children need to be taught not to tease animals, or approach animals without permission, stay away from fenced or chained animals. Owners need to be taught to socialize and train their dogs, that dogs should never be allowed to roam a neighborhood.

We need to work together to educate the public on canine safety along with writing tougher laws that will hold owners responsible for their animals actions.

Some programs for your community to learn from that will help create a safer community.

[PBRC's Poppy's Place - Guide to canine safety](http://www.pbrc.net/poppysplace/Safety/DogSafetyMain.htm): This guide is a great way to learn canine safety with your child. If you return to Poppy's Place there are some interactive games for the kids that are based on this guide as well. Website: <http://www.pbrc.net/poppysplace/Safety/DogSafetyMain.htm>

[American Veterinary Medical Association, A Community approach to dog bite prevention](http://www.avma.org/pubhlth/dogbite/dogbite.pdf) : This 18 page report is the result of the AVMA's task force on canine aggression and human-canine interactions. Website: <http://www.avma.org/pubhlth/dogbite/dogbite.pdf>

[The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals \(ASPCA\)](http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=workshops_COMMUNITY%20OUTREACH): Have a community outreach program including dog bite prevention. **Create a Bite-Free Community Without Banning Dogs** : Reduce dog bites in your community using a multi-pronged approach which includes bite prevention programs for both children and home service providers, puppy socialization programs and the formation of a Dangerous Dog Task Force made up of key players in community government and animal welfare. Website: [http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=workshops\\_COMMUNITY%20OUTREACH](http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=workshops_COMMUNITY%20OUTREACH)

[American Kennel Club \(AKC\)](http://www.akc.org/public_education/safetyvideo.cfm): Safety around Dogs program. Website: [http://www.akc.org/public\\_education/safetyvideo.cfm](http://www.akc.org/public_education/safetyvideo.cfm)

[Doggonessafe](http://www.doggonessafe.com/), an organization dedicated to dog bite prevention: Website:<http://www.doggonessafe.com/>