

# Preventing Dog Bite Injury

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Launceston City Council  
Community Education Model



# Delta Dog Safe Program



- Delta Dog Safe™ is a guide for children and their families to safe interaction with man's best friend.
- It promotes the special bond between children and dogs and is being introduced nationally.
- 50% of all dog bites occur in children under 10 years of age.
- Two-thirds of all bites involve the family or neighbour's dog



# Educating children

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A lot of dog attacks are preventable if children have been educated about safe behaviour around dogs.



# Keeping kids and dogs safe

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- ❑ 25 schools
- ❑ 225 sessions
- ❑ 5866 children



# Take Home Pack



# Running Sheet

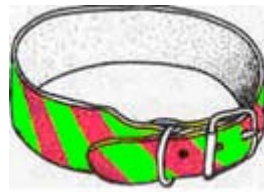
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- Introductions
- What sort of things may scare a dog?
- How should we wake our dogs up?
- Let's talk about dogs and food
- Going to a new friend's house for the first time
- Pictures of frightened, angry and happy dogs
- Dogs tied up outside a shop
- Patting a dog – 3 rules
- Approached by a strange dog
- Dog pushing child to the ground
- Dangerous dogs
- Demonstrate protective behaviours



# Teaching aids

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# Interactive

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# Feedback



# In their words



To Tony and Garry,  
Thank you for teaching us  
about dogs.

The best thing I leant is not to  
pat a dog if the owner is not  
there. You do not pat it. If you  
pat it, it may bite you. If a dog  
comes and sniffs, you stand like  
a tree.

From Rachael





# Dog safety

① Ignore the dog if it comes near you

② Hide your sausages

③ If a dog comes near you with a yellow and red collar... do not touch it.

④ Curl up like a snail so the dog can't bite you.

Angry Dog



Sad dog



Dog



Scared Dog



HAPPY Dog



This collar glows in the dark



Prep Class  
St Thomas More's  
School, Newstead

22 July, 2005.

Dear Gary and Tony,

Thank you for telling us more about dogs. You told us and showed us how to keep ourselves safe when a dog comes over to us. We must stand strong and not look at the dog.

When a dog knocks us over, we must roll into a snail shape to protect our legs, arms and face. We learned how to keep the dog bored!!! You showed us the way to pat a dog, and how to wake a dog up. You told us about dangerous dogs and showed us the collar they must wear. We now know about the angry dog sign. We also know that we don't just touch a dog - until we have asked our Mum or Dad and the owner and the dog. When our dog does a poo we must pick it up! We talked to our Mums and Dads last night about dogs and us. Thank you for coming to our school.

Love from the Preps.



# Day Care Centres

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# Dog attack

## □ Jai's story



# Educating the community

- ❑ Rewarding
- ❑ Proactive
- ❑ Positive
- ❑ Preventative

