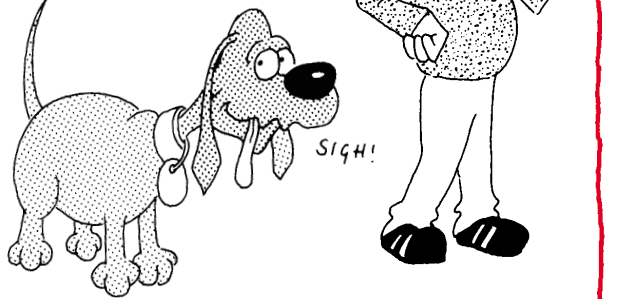


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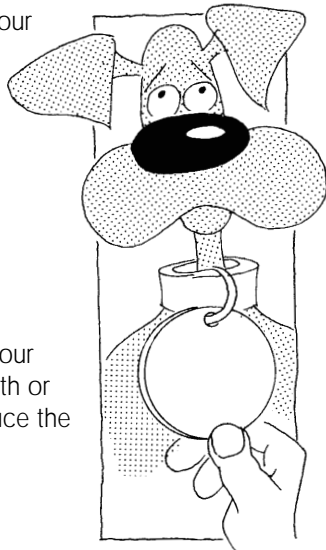
Clean up after your dog as nearly all parts of East Hampshire are covered by 'The Dogs (Fouling of Land Act) 1996'. Not everyone loves dogs and most people get very angry if they tread in your dog's mess and walk it into their homes. Remember dogs mess smells and carries diseases.

It is your responsibility to clean up after your dog because he can't do it for himself.



ALWAYS

Keep a name tag on your dog so if he gets lost the Dog Warden can bring him straight back home.



ALWAYS

Make sure you wash your hands after playing with or handling dogs to reduce the risk of disease.

TRAINING

Have fun training your dog and he will be a joy to own. Anything you teach your dog, no matter how small, is an achievement to be proud of e.g. giving a paw, catching a ball, retrieving a rubber ring, waiting on command for food, walking nicely by your side and coming back to you when called.

There are lots of Dog Training Clubs in the area to choose from. Go along with an adult first to make sure it will be the right environment for you and your dog. Never use harsh methods of training, use plenty of titbits, lots of verbal encouragement, reward good behaviour and ignore bad.

MOST OF ALL, HAVE FUN!



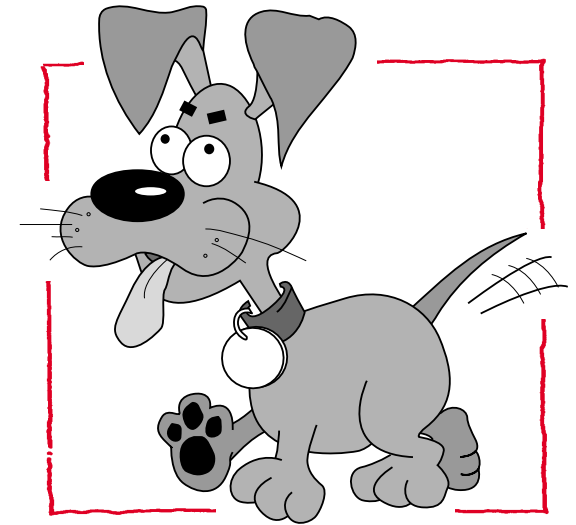
If you would like further advice regarding dog training classes or any other information, contact the Dog Warden at:



Environmental Health Department
East Hampshire District Council
Penns Place, Petersfield, Hants
Tel: DOGLINE 01730 432319
E-mail: dogline@easthants.gov.uk



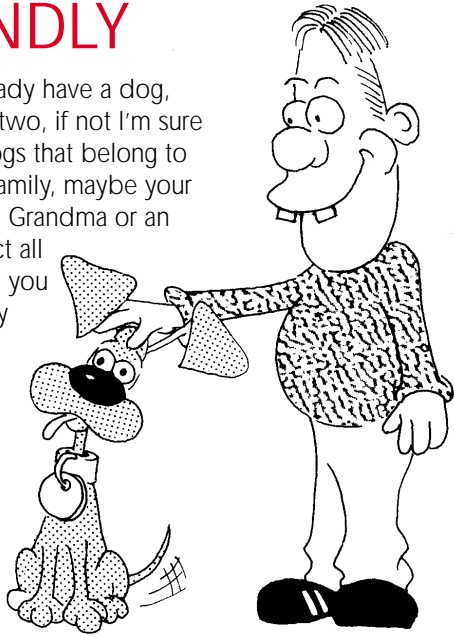
PLAYING SAFE WITH DOGS



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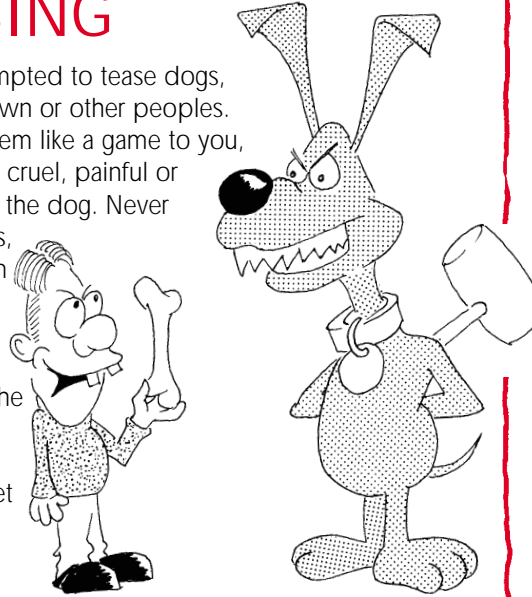
FRIENDLY

You may already have a dog, maybe even two, if not I'm sure you know dogs that belong to friends and family, maybe your Grandad and Grandma or an Aunt. I expect all the dogs that you know are very friendly .



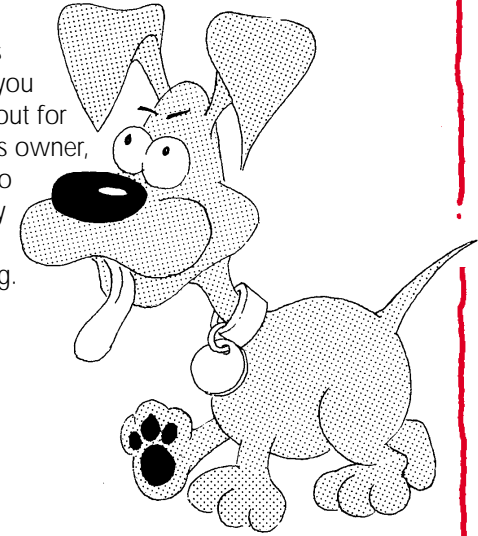
TEASING

Never be tempted to tease dogs, either your own or other peoples. What may seem like a game to you, can often be cruel, painful or upsetting for the dog. Never pull their tails, torment them with food, tread on their tails or pull ears as the dog may retaliate and you could get hurt.



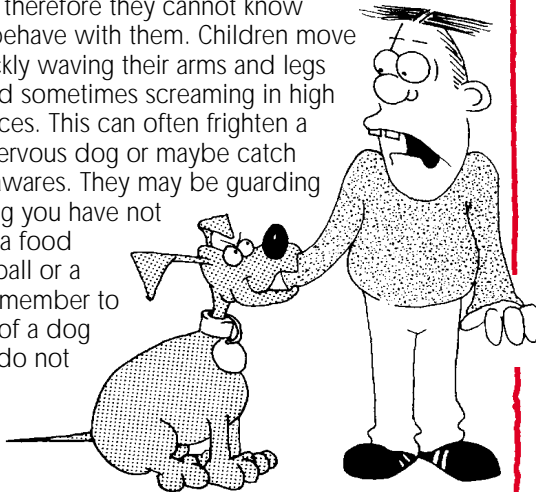
OUTSIDE

Never approach a stray dog out walking on its own. Before you touch a dog out for a walk with its owner, don't forget to ask if you may speak to and stroke the dog.



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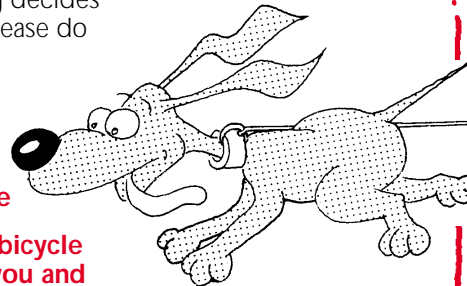
But what you must remember is that not every dog is the same. Some dogs have not had contact with children, therefore they cannot know how to behave with them. Children move very quickly waving their arms and legs about and sometimes screaming in high pitch voices. This can often frighten a slightly nervous dog or maybe catch them unawares. They may be guarding something you have not noticed; a food bowl, a ball or a bone. Remember to be wary of a dog that you do not know.



CHASE


Dogs love to chase balls, sticks, cats, birds, in fact anything that moves ! They find this great fun even though they rarely ever catch anything they chase. So if you are riding your bicycle and suddenly a dog decides to chase you please do remember to:


- 1) **Stop!**
- 2) **Get off the bicycle**
- 3) **Place the bicycle between you and the dog**




- 4) **Don't wave your arms around or scream, this will excite the dog**
- 5) **Avoid eye contact . The dog will lose interest and find something else to chase.**

WALKIES

 NEVER walk a dog along a main road without a lead.

 NEVER take out a dog that is too large for you to control without the help of an adult.

 NEVER wrap the lead around your wrist as you will then be trapped and unable to escape. If the dog decides to chase a rabbit, you could be pulled into the road and be seriously hurt.

 PLEASE use the loop on the end of most leads and gather up the rest of the lead in your hand, if the dog suddenly bolts you could then let go if necessary.

