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[DOG TRAINING]

Hi there, Safety Town kids! (and families!)

Remember me? Hannah! I had so much fun introducing you to Pretend Dougal this week...and WOW your polite greeting skills are just awesome. Are you ready to tell everyone you know about the 3 BIG things we learned?

Links and videos listed at the bottom.

1. Pat. Pet. Pause.

Pat your legs to invite a dog into your space.

Pet the dog. Where? On the back or the shoulder. NOT? That's right, the head.

Count to 3. (Longsnouts teaches this in 'alligators' – just ask!)

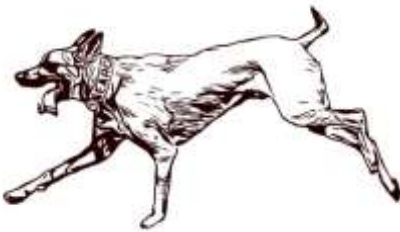
Pause. Why? To see if the dog wants to stick around.

The Family Dog (thefamilydog.com) produced a catchy, excellent video that was shared with the Safety Town children this week. There's a link available online at the Safety Town website or you can go to YouTube and search for 'pat pet pause' – I bet there's a someone you know who'll recognize the blue genie!

Consent – from both humans AND the dog – is a critical component of harmonious dog/human relationships and a cornerstone piece of all Longsnouts' learning. A couple more resources to share that are appropriate for viewing, but may be beyond a Safety Town comprehension ability are listed below (and on the Safety Town website). I encourage adults to view, gauge whether children may understand (or you can help explain!), and continue to talk about consent. Need help? Longsnouts is always happy to plug in!

2. Be a Tree

Imagine that photo of Real Dougal is on the wall! What are you gonna do? BE A TREE!



Fold your branches!

Stare at your roots!

Count in your head until help comes!

When do we do this? Whenever we're feeling even just a little bit uncomfortable around a dog. When we remove eye contact, be quiet and still, dogs will "listen" to our body language.

What do we NOT do if we feel uncomfortable? Run away, especially running away being noisy and silly. Remember, dogs see us running away and being silly as invitation to be playful...and sometimes that's ok.

Families: to 'be a tree' is one way to handle offleash, playful, or enthusiastic dogs, not the only way. With consistency, it is one way dogs in our lives learn when we will engage (appropriately!) and when we will not. Please supervise children of all ages and sizes around dogs; management – eyes and ears on children and dogs! – is the only surefire injury prevention option we have. If anyone ever feels unsafe, removal of child or dog may be necessary and containment an appropriate next step (a crate, a different room, leash up, or put in a fenced-in backyard, for example). If you have **any** questions or concerns, please ask a professional!

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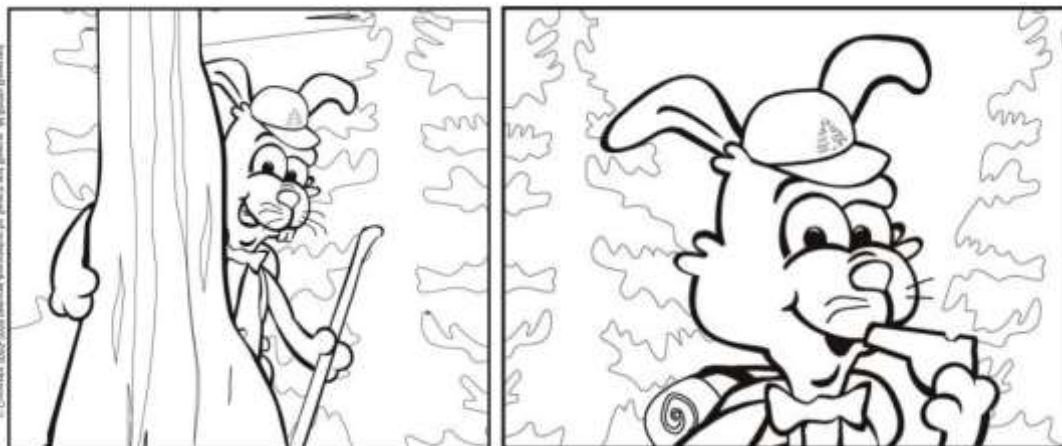


3. Hug a Tree

If you get separated from the people you know, what do you do? That's right: **Hug A Tree!!**

It can be a little scary being by yourself, so if you hug a tree (maybe even talk to it) you may not feel so alone. Real Dougal will find you the fastest when you stay in one spot so he can then come tell me where you are. And don't forget he will be offleash but NOT scary, he will run in to say hi (maybe give you a smooch), then come back to and get me so we can get you back to your family.

If you hear his jingle bell collar or hear an adult calling your name, what will you do? **BE LOUD!** No one will be angry, we want to make sure you get home safe!



A little bit about Hannah, Lead Educator & Head Trainer at Longsnouts + Dougal, both Real and Pretend.

Hannah began working as a professional trainer in 2006 in NYC. Since returning to Michigan, she has been back in the world of full-time all things dog since 2014 and spends entirely too much time thinking about safety, consent, and having a ton of fun. In addition to working with dogs and their humans of all ages and sizes, Hannah has 3 of her own dogs: Dominic, Livvie, and Dougal. Hannah and Dougal train with Michigan Search & Rescue, an all-volunteer, statewide missing person response team. Hannah can support current certified K9 search teams as she and Dougal work towards their own certification. Dougal, a 2.5 year old Shepherd mix adopted from a nearby shelter, will be an Airscent Wilderness search dog.

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Excellent Resources:

- Family Dog, including 'Pat. Pet. Pause.': <https://www.thefamilydog.com/stop-the-77/kid-vids/>
- Be a Tree: <https://doggonesafe.com/Be-A-Tree>
- Hug A Tree: http://www.nasar.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/HAT_handout2_fs.pdf
- Boogie the Boston and his body language: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/lilita/3623518112/sizes/o/>
- Another example of HOW to greet a dog: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/lilita/12783111054/sizes/l/>

Not covered in Safety Town, yet relevant. May want to screen before showing your littler ones:

- Body language/consent: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-hsOIJwMwps&t=28s>
- More from Lili Chin: <https://www.doggiedrawings.net/freeposters>
- Michigan Search & Rescue: www.michiganSAR.org (we have all sorts of fun on facebook!)
- 5-Second rule: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xg6QNgwXTo&t=4s> (*I teach 3 seconds and use 'alligators': 1, alligator, 2 alligator, 3....AAAAAND PAUSE*)
- Dog Decoder: <https://www.dogdecoder.com/> In a downloadable app AND a book (available at Nicola's Bookstore in Westgate), this is an excellent resource for learning dog body language.

As a certified dog trainer, avid learner, and explorer of new information, hannah is always seeking out and finding more information to share, so this list will always grow!

Pretend Dougal and I are so excited to be part of Safety Town!

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DOGGIE LANGUAGE

starring Boogie the Boston Terrier



ALERT



SUSPICIOUS



ANXIOUS



THREATENED



ANGRY



"PEACE!"
look away/head turn



STRESSED
yawn



STRESSED
nose lick



"PEACE!"
sniff ground



"RESPECT!"
turn & walk away



"NEED SPACE!"
whale eye



STALKING



STRESSED
scratching



STRESS RELEASE
shake off



RELAXED
soft ears, blinky eyes



"RESPECT!"
offer his back



FRIENDLY & POLITE
curved body



FRIENDLY



"PRETTY PLEASE"
round puppy face



"I'M YOUR LOVEBUG"
belly-rub pose



"HELLO I LOVE YOU!"
greeting stretch



"I'M FRIENDLY!"
play bow



"READY!"
prey bow



"YOU WILL FEED ME"



CURIOUS
head tilt



HAPPY
(or hot)



OVERJOYED
wiggly



"MMMM...."



"I LOVE YOU,
DON'T STOP"

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How Kids SHOULD Interact with Dogs

Use common sense.

Be polite and kind to pets



Learn to recognize when your dog is scared or anxious



Play appropriate games with pets, such as:

Fetch



ROLL OVER



Training tricks (like roll over, shake, beg, etc.)



Walking and running with a dog



SNIFF SNIFF



Playing hide-n-seek

Always remember:

Supervise all interactions. Accidents can happen in a split second.



Train your dog to associate the kids with positive experiences so he'll be more likely to tolerate your child in case she accidentally interacts inappropriately.



TREAT!

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For additional free dog bite prevention resources and more dog behavior books and products, visit www.drsophiayin.com.



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How Kids SHOULD NOT Interact with Dogs

It's common sense. Just imagine how people should interact with each other.

Avoid taking people's food



Avoid bothering dogs when they are eating

Avoid stealing other people's toys



Avoid taking a dog's bones or toys

Avoid putting your face right up to someone else's face



Avoid putting your face right up to a dog's face

Avoid bothering when asleep



Avoid bothering animals when they are resting. Let sleeping dogs lie.

Avoid pestering



Avoid grabbing tail/ears

Avoid climbing on or trampling



Avoid climbing on or trampling

Avoid pinching



Avoid hugging. Most dogs dislike it.

Avoid screaming around



Avoid hollering and shouting. Use your "inside" voice instead.

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