

# **Pets - including dangerous dog advice for parents, carers and concerned adults**

Over the years there have been some very sad cases where children have been seriously injured or killed by family dogs, and we need to remember that it is **never** safe to leave a dog alone in a room with a child.

Even friendly & trusted dogs may react badly to a baby or child, or play may get out of hand.

With regard to new members of a family, all dogs need some help adjusting. The Dog's Trust has good advice on preparing for new arrivals.

<http://www.dogstrust.org.uk/az/b/babiesanddogs/default.aspx>

NHS Choices have produced a useful video with a Health Visitor giving guidance for parents 'how do I keep my young child safe around cats and dogs?'

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiM\\_bOi\\_4zw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiM_bOi_4zw)

The RSPCA has good advice about the care of pets

<http://www.rspca.org.uk/home>

<http://www.rspca.org.uk/allaboutanimals/pets/dogs/company/children>

## **Dangerous dogs and animal advice from DEFRA**

The Government department DEFRA has useful links about dogs, other animals and information about dangerous dogs

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

(type **dog** or **pet** or **dangerous dog** into the DEFRA website search box).



## **Emergencies, injuries or advice**

In any emergency, please call 999 and request the relevant emergency service.

if anyone is injured, immediately seek medical advice and treatment.

**Regarding Dangerous Dog issues and advice about dogs**, the Police can be contacted on 101 for advice. There is a new facility called 'ask the police' FAQ's which is available on the force web site. There are some useful items on the site, just type **DOG** into the search box:

<http://www.leics.police.uk/contact-us/faq>

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