

# Stay safe around dogs

**Dogs can be great friends to us, cheering us up when we are sad and even helping people when they can't do things for themselves.**

Dogs can feel frightened or happy though, just like you can. So it's important to know how to stay safe around them. Remember – a dog's walk time is like your play time. They might like to be stroked by you, but they might just want to do their own thing like chasing a ball or just having a good sniff around.

**If you would like to meet a dog remember The Three Cs of Canine Choice - Check, Call, Count.**



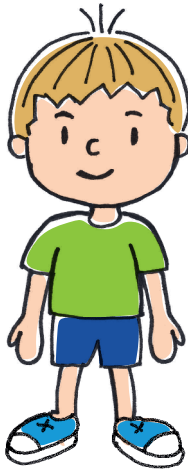
**Check** Ask the owner if you can stroke the dog.



**Call** Call the dog to you by patting your legs gently and saying: 'Hello'.



**Count** If the dog comes up to you COUNT three strokes and then stop to give the dog the choice to walk away or stay.



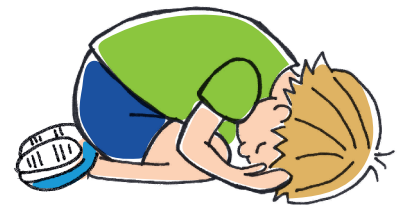
**If the dog chooses to come and greet you...**

- Hold your hands open at your sides
- When the dog approaches stroke the dog on the shoulder or the chest
- Do not stroke the head



**If a strange dog runs up to you...**

- Stand still
- Drop food or toys away from you
- Fold your arms
- Make no noise
- Look away from the dog or close your eyes



**If you are knocked to the ground...**

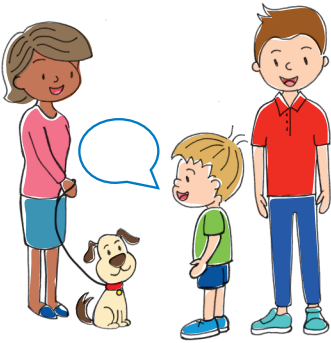
- Roll up like a stone with your face to the ground
- Cover your face with your hands
- Be as silent and still as a stone



Pets change lives  
**We change theirs**

# Activities

## A. Remember the three Cs by completing the words below



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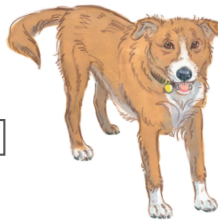
2. C \_ \_ \_



3. C \_ \_ \_ \_

## B. Which of these dogs would it be safe for you to call to you?







C.1



This dog doesn't want their tummy tickled. How can you tell?

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C.2



Circle three things that tell you this dog is happy.

Answers: A) 1. Check; 2. Call; 3. Count. B) The middle dog is relaxed so you could call them to you. C) 1. Their tail is between their legs; 2. Tail is level with back; open mouth; ears forward.