



Safety in Schools Week June 9th to 13th 2008

Celebrating 10 Years

Agency

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Activity Title

"Dog Safety and Awareness"

Activity Outcomes

| Learning Area | Outcome | Specific Learning (Context & Topic) |
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| Health and Physical Education | Knowledge and Understanding Self-management Skills Interpersonal Skills Attitude and Values | Context: SAFETY Topic: Responding safely Personal safety – making good choices Risky situations Minimising risk Topic: Safety in the community |

Phases of Development

This activity would be suited to Middle Childhood (4-7)

Resources Required

Black/whiteboard
 Markers
 Pencils
 Dog Awareness Quiz
 Dog Awareness Quiz Answers (for teacher only)

Procedure

BRAINSTORM/DISCUSSION

- As a group, ask students to brainstorm possible behaviours a *dog* may exhibit when they are feeling the following emotions:
 - Scared
 - Angry
 - Happy
- Ask students to identify appropriate ways in which they would approach a dog that had been deemed safe to interact with by its owner
- Discuss the injuries that can occur as the result of an unsafe interaction with a dog
- Discuss the situations in which a dog may become aggressive and the causes behind this
- Develop strategies to avoid unsafe interactions with dogs
- Students to identify situations in which it is unsafe to interact with dogs
- Students learn about making responsible and informed decisions relating to safety around dogs
- Students work collaboratively with other classmates to identify ways to avoid dog bites
- Students will be able to recognise and value safe and supportive environments which promote safe interaction with dogs
- Students are able to exhibit safe practices whilst interacting with dogs

ACTIVITY

- Divide students into small groups and ask them to complete the Dog Awareness Quiz
- Once each group has completed the quiz, go through answers and discuss as a class which answer is correct and why this might be

WRAP UP

After discussing the answers of the quiz, ask students to share any stories that they might have involving interactions with dogs, and how they may act now if placed in a similar situation

Community Links

How could the school involve the local community in Safety in Schools Week?

- Request a presentation from a ranger from the local council to talk about common issues involving dogs in the community

How could the school involve parents and seniors in Safety in School Week?

- Students could discuss the activity with their parents that evening and talk about ways in which they interact with dogs in their area

Policy and Procedures

Are you aware of the schools written Health and Safety Policy? If not: -

- Check with administration
- Refer to the Department of Education and Training's Risk Management Policy and Occupational Safety and Health Policy
- Visit the Kidsafe WA website for guidelines www.kidsafewa.org.au

Do you have safety structures and procedures in place?

- Does the school have policies & procedures in place regarding dogs on the premises and related injury & prevention in the school?
- What is the procedure the school follows if a dog bite occurs on the property?

Other Resources Available

- The Injury Issues of Dog Attacks and Bites Fact Sheet. Available from ICCWA website:
<http://www.iccwa.org.au/Dog%20Attacks%20ICCWA%20Fact%20Sheet1.pdf>
- Dog Attacks Fact Sheet. Available from Kidsafe WA website:
<http://www.kidsafewa.com.au/factsheets/inews.72252.1.pdf>