



## Dog Bite Prevention Pledge

Did you know that 50 percent of all children in the US will be bitten by a dog before their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday? The majority of dog bites are from a dog known by the child: their own pet or a friend's. You can help prevent this by discussing these behaviors (and those in the "Understanding Why Dogs Bite" handout) with your family and signing the pledge below.

*I Pledge that:*

- I have read and agree to follow the safety tips in the handout "Understanding Why Dogs Bite."
- I will not stare into a dog's eyes.
- I will not tease dogs behind fences.
- I will not go near dogs chained up in yards.
- I will not touch a dog I see loose (off-leash) outside.
- If I see a loose dog, I will tell an adult immediately.
- I will not run or scream if a loose dog comes near me.
- I will stand very still (like a tree), and will be very quiet if a dog comes near me.
- I will not touch or play with a dog while he or she is eating.
- I will not touch a dog when he or she is sleeping.
- I will only pet a dog if I have first received permission from the dog's owner. Then I will ask permission of the dog by letting him sniff my closed hand.

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Student's Signature

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Guardian's Signature