FAMILY DOG RULES

Our dog is part of the family. These rules keep everyone safe and happy.



1. **A grown-up is always nearby when we're with the dog.**
2. **Let sleeping dogs rest.**
3. **Mealtime is the dog's quiet time.**
4. **Chews and toys stay with the dog. Need one back? Ask a grown-up.**
5. **Pet gently, when the dog comes to you.**
6. **Ears, tails and backs are not for pulling or riding.**
7. **If the dog walks away, let them go.**
8. **A growl means: step back and get a grown-up.**
9. **The dog's bed and crate are their safe spot. Leave them be.**
10. **Ask before petting a dog you don't know.**

For grown-ups: signs your dog needs a break include yawning, lip licking, the whites of the eyes showing, turning away, a stiff body and growling. Never punish a growl; separate the dog and child and call your veterinarian or a qualified behavior professional.

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