

Child Safety around Dogs Workshops



Overview

What is the workshop?

The workshop will teach children how to keep themselves safe around dogs within the home and dogs they encounter outside of the home. Workshops are tailored to the needs of the group of children and this can be discussed prior to the workshop. Although we focus on dogs, we can include other animals if needed.

Educating children and their parents or carers on how to interact safely around dogs can make a huge difference in keeping children safe and reducing the risk of an injury from the dog.

Who is this suitable for?

Sessions are suitable for children of all ages. We suggest running sessions for specific age groups or abilities as we will tailor the content accordingly.

If there are no children attending with a fear of dogs, we will bring a dog with us on the day for the children to meet, observe and do some work with.

How long are the workshops?

Workshops are split into two sessions of 1.5 hours.

- 45 minutes
- *Short break*
- 45 minutes
- *longer break*
- 45 minutes
- *short break*
- 45 minutes

*The times can be adjusted if this would be too long for the selected group of children

How many children can attend?

We run the workshops for groups of around 12-15 children who are of a similar age or cognitive ability so that we can tailor the information to best suit their needs. This also ensures that all children get a chance to fully engage and get involved during the sessions. As parents or carers can attend with the children (although not mandatory), capping the number at 15 children means that the amount of people attending does not get too large and overwhelming for the children and the dog attending.

Example Workshop

<i>Part 1</i>	Meet Josie and her dog, Lola (a Chow Chow x Norwegian Elkhound)
<i>45 minutes</i>	Ice breakers What do dogs like to do How do they show us how they are feeling Interactive practical activity
<i>Part 2</i>	Observe body language of different dogs
<i>45 minutes</i>	What do they see Lola doing Interactive practical activity
<i>Part 3</i>	Where do dogs like to be touched When can we touch a dog When can't we touch a dog Interactive practical activity
<i>Part 4</i>	Where is it safe to approach dogs Where is it unsafe to approach dogs What to do if a dog approaches them Interactive practical activity Information to take home

Risks of injuries to children from a dog

Risks

Statista Research Dept. states that there were 30,594 dog attacks recorded by the police compared to 25,731 the previous year. In 2024-2024 1,182 attacks were of children aged 0-9 years old and 826 of children aged 10-19 years old. Furthermore, nearly 1.2 thousand children aged under 10 years of age were also admitted to hospital as a result of dog bites and strikes. [Dog bite victims in England 2023/24, by age | Statista](#)

2023 statistics on dog bites, injuries and fatalities from the British Medical Journal state that bites are increasing at this time there was an 88% increase in hospital visits due to bites [Rising fatalities, injuries, and NHS costs: dog bites as a public health problem | The BMJ](#).

Arranging a workshop

Booking

For more information or to book a workshop, please contact Josie:

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Cost

The half-day workshop is £349