Never go near a dog that is not with an adult.

Respect dogs. Dogs communicate differently than you and I. They may not always understand our actions and can become angry or scared by them. Remember, always use good “doggie manners”.

1. Always ask!
   Ask the dog’s owner for permission before trying to pet the dog.

2. Give a “Doggie hello.”
   If you get permission to pet the dog, offer the dog your closed hand and allow the dog to sniff it.

3. Gentle and slow.
   After the dog has sniffed your hand, slowly pet the dog on the side of the neck, not on the top of the head.

Remember, be safe around dogs, so never...

- Stare at a dog.
- Hug a dog.
- Run from a dog.
- Tease a dog.