

CHILDREN AND DOGS

Dogs can be very good with children, but a lot depends on the dog's background and personality as well as whether the children have been taught how to be good with dogs. For example, many dogs dislike being hugged, which children need to know. No child should be left unsupervised with a dog.

The following websites offer information on how to keep children safe with dogs.

Dog Owner's Guide: "Kids and dogs" (www.canismajor.com/dog/tkid.html),

How to Love Your Dog for Kids, "Keeping Safe" www.loveyourdog.com/bite.html

Preventing Dog Bites www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/biteprevention.htm

Dogs and Children Together Safely www.chowwelfare.com/cciw/dogkid.htm

Your Dog and Children www.gurney.co.uk/pads/children.htm

Meeting Milo by Yvette Van Veen, and David J. Parks This is a picture book for young children themselves. (www.meetingmilo.com)

The following resources discuss how to train dogs and children to enjoy each other:

CHILD-PROOFING YOUR DOG by Brian Kilcommons. Warner Books, 1994.

DOG TRAINING FOR CHILDREN by Ian Dunbar.

DOG TRAINING FOR KIDS by Carol Lee Benjamin. Howell Book House, 1988.

DOGS AND CHILDREN by Barbara Sykes. Crowood/Trafalgar Square, 2002.

DOG'S BEST FRIEND ACTIVITY BOOK by Lisa Rosenthal. Chicago Review Press, 1999.

KIDS AND DOGS: TEACHING THEM TO LIVE, PLAY AND LEARN TOGETHER by Ruth Weston & Catriona Ross. Allen & Unwin, 2004.

LIVING WITH KIDS AND DOGS...WITHOUT LOSING YOUR MIND by Colleen Pelar. C & R Publishing, 2005.

'PLEASE OH PLEASE CAN WE GET A DOG? PARENTS' GUIDE TO DOG OWNERSHIP by Cheryl Peterson. Howell Book House, 2004.

SIRIUS PUPPY TRAINING by Ian Dunbar

TOTALLY FUN THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR DOG by Maxine Rock. John Wiley, 1998.

YOUR BABY AND BOWSER by Steve Rafe. Alpine, 2004.