



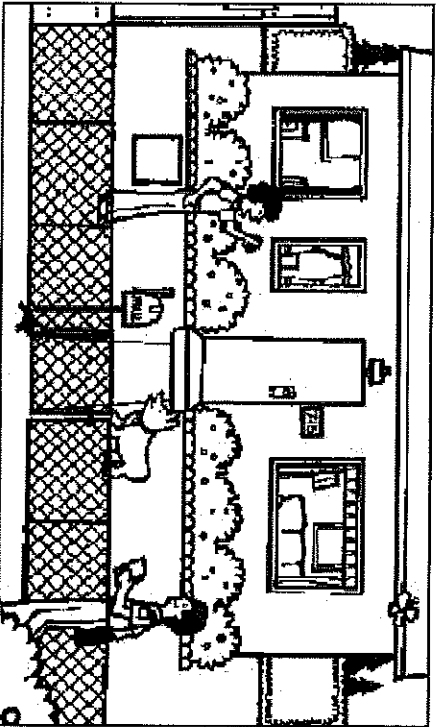






Safe, Responsible Behavior (S)

-  Always walk your dog on a leash. (Keep your cats indoors, where they are safe from traffic and from other animals.)
-  Before petting someone else's dog (or cat), ask the owner for permission. After getting permission to pet a dog, always let the dog sniff the back of your hand first.
-  When a dog approaches you, stand still and quiet. Keep your hands at your sides.
-  When you are not walking your dog, keep him or her indoors with you—or in a fenced yard when he's getting some fresh air. Spend time playing with and caring for your dog.



Unsafe Behavior (U)

-  Don't pet or approach a dog (or a cat) while he or she is eating, sleeping, or guarding something. Pets naturally guard their food, their babies, and their toys. Dogs also protect their owners, as well as property that belongs to their owners—such as an owner's home, yard, or car.
 -  Don't try to pull a toy, a stick, or any item from a dog's mouth.
 -  Don't run away from a dog that is chasing you. (A dog's natural instinct is to chase and catch someone who is running away. If you stand still, the dog will most likely stop, sniff you, and leave you alone when he or she realizes you are not a threat.) Also, don't chase or tease dogs or cats, and avoid petting or trying to pick up strange pets.
 -  Don't approach a dog (or any other animal) that is injured. Instead, tell an adult about the animal.
- Parents should make sure young children are not left unattended around animals, even if it's the family pet. Young children may not have the developmental knowledge to understand what affect their actions can have on an animal.

