

# TOP 15 Things I Teach My Kids to do Around Dogs...



Trailblazing Tails

**1** Don't approach a dog. Let them approach you.

**2** Don't bother a dog when they eat, sleep, drink, or play with their friends.

**3** Practice consent checks. Calmly pet the dog for 3 seconds, then remove your hands.

**4** Don't hug or kiss a dog.

**5** Don't sit, lay on, or ride a dog.

**6** Don't stare at a dog.

**7** Don't pet a dog on top of their head, instead try their chin or butt.

**8** Don't punish a dog.

**9** Read a dog's body language and understand when they need space.

**10** Eat at higher tables rather than lower, where a dog's nose might be.

**11** If you leave the table, push the food to the center or take the food to a higher counter.

**12** Hold your food up high in the sky if a dog passes.

**13** Before you open any door, look at your feet and nearby for escape artists.

**14** Shut all doors behind you, especially where the toys are!

**15** Never take anything from a dog's mouth. Let a grownup handle if a dog is chewing on something they shouldn't.