

## How to stop your dog from biting?

According to the statistics more than 4million people are bitten by dogs annually. There have been also serious cases of dog biting when the victim died or was physically mutilated for the rest of their life. And once a dog has caused this sort of damage to a person, the owner is in fact responsible for the dog's actions and potentially be liable for damages. Therefore, having a dog as a pet implies a lot of responsibilities and one of them is to prevent them from biting other people or even yourself.

In the following article I am going to give you some suggestions that will help train your dog:

1. Start training your dog as soon as possible and at the age recommended - 6 weeks old, and be persistent about it. It's scientifically proven that a dog can be trained easier while it's still a puppy, before it develops the bad habits.
2. Let your dog know that he/she is not allowed to bite anyone, starting with you! Whether you are playing with your dog or you are during a training session, do not let your dog grab your hand!
3. Dog's can be playful and curious. The idea is to reinforce good behaviour and eliminating bad behaviour. Simply saying "No" with the appropriate tone, whenever your dog is trying to grab your clothes or any other part of your body is an important educational lesson. If it does not work the first time, then put your hand around his collar and wrap it around his muzzle and keep it that way for a few seconds.
4. Use the "trading" method. In case your dog is used to biting and persists on doing it during playing sessions, repeat the previous step and, in addition to that, instead of letting him grab your hand, offer him a chew toy.
5. Encourage your dog's interaction with other dogs! Enrolling your dog in an obedience class is the perfect solution for this step.
6. Your dog needs to socialize. Specialists say that any dog must be introduced to all those things that might scare him later before he is 16 weeks. People that might have an unusual look, machines or objects that are noisy - such as the vacuum cleaner, cars and the traffic in general, veterinarians, all these are things that the dog must be introduced to in a friendly and safe way. This way it will not get scared easily, therefore there will be no reason to attack them in order to defend himself.
7. Keep your children away from your dog! Children are curious and because of their age they do not understand what would make an appropriate petting or touching. That is why some puppies hate children when they grow up.
8. Playing "idiotic" games with your dog usually leads to aggressive consequences. Teasing your dog by trying to poke him, even as joke, or pulling his ears or other parts of the dog's body or even worse than that - "boxing" with him will not do anything but to annoy him and to develop an aggressive behavior.
9. Under no circumstance, do not tie your dog out! If you do that, this will attract your dog's frustration and he might take it on any person that gets close to him!

Statistics prove that if you follow these nine advices continuously and don't break any of them than your dog will be calmer and he won't be tempted to bite anyone.

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