

Canine Concern Scotland Trust (a Scottish Charitable Trust) established the Therapet Service in 1988. We now have over 800 volunteers who with their specially selected dogs visit patients and residents in hospitals, hospices, residential care and nursing homes, special needs schools and other institutions to provide Pet Therapy. Much of the success of this therapy is based on regular visits so that long-term patients develop a relationship and interact with the volunteer and their pet.

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"We care for dogs...and dogs care for us"

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Children & Dogs

Children and dogs can live happily and safely together, most do! If you remember these simple rules when out with your dog, or when meeting dogs in public places, accidents can be avoided.



ALWAYS make sure your dog is wearing a collar, an identity disc and that it is micro chipped.



ALWAYS make sure your dog is on a lead when in a public space. Only let him off his lead where it is suitable for him to run free safely and where he will not cause a nuisance or risk to others or himself.



ALWAYS teach your dog to sit, stay and come when called. He may need to go to school! Dog training classes can help here. For details of local classes, ask at your library, Vet's surgery, check the internet or ring the Road Safety Department of your local Council.



NEVER take your dog out unless accompanied by an adult.



NEVER allow your dog out by himself. When there is no-one to keep an eye on him he can get into all kinds of trouble and could be injured. It cannot be said enough – **Never let your dog out by himself**



NEVER allow your dog to foul, or make a mess, in parks, sports areas, footpaths or anywhere people walk or children play. Teach him to use your own garden before taking him out. Or take a poop scoop, plastic bag or other material to clean up after him in case he makes a mistake and put it in a dog poo bin or ordinary street bin.

Dogs And Bicycles



NEVER pedal faster if chased by a dog when you are riding your bike. He can run faster than you can pedal and you could have, or cause, an accident. **Instead** – get off your bike and place it between you and the dog. Stand still and look away. The dog will soon find you no fun at all and go away.

Remember it is not your fault – he should not have been allowed out alone anyway'

Dogs And Cars



NEVER put your hand through an open car window to stroke a dog. He may 'guard' his property and reward you with a bite. **NEVER** leave a dog in a car on a sunny day. The car gets hot very quickly and your dog is wearing a fur coat. Even with the window slightly open the dog can die in a short time and in great distress.

If it is a hot day, leave your dog at home. Always make sure your dog is secure in your car when travelling by using; dog guards, crates, secured harness.



ALWAYS keep your dog inside the car until his lead is firmly fixed, or leave it on. He could jump out before you are ready, be run over by another car, or cause an accident.

ALWAYS make sure your dog is under control when inside the car.

Meeting A Stray Dog or Pack of Dogs



ALWAYS keep well away from packs of dogs. If meeting a dog, or dogs, who are not with their owners, **never, but never run away, scream, flap or raise your hands.** This excites and frightens dogs into chasing you and injuries or accidents may result.

So what should you do? **Stand Still** with your hands by your sides. Look away and try not to be frightened, or show that you are, however hard this may be. If you keep calm the dog, or dogs, should eventually go away.

Meeting A Dog With His Owner



ALWAYS ask permission before stroking a dog who is with his owner and on a lead. It is usually all right to do so but sudden movement in reaching out your hand may make the dog think you mean to harm him or his master. To be on the safe side, always ask first. Gently allow the dog to sniff you before patting him. Always best to have your hand low down not above the dog's head. He will then know you are friendly and will not be tempted to snap at you.

Dogs Fighting



NEVER try to separate dogs if they are fighting, even if your dog is attacked by another dog whilst on his lead. You could be injured if you try to interfere. Go for help if necessary.

Remember, it is always best to have an adult with you when taking out your dog.

