



California City Animal Shelter Presents: What To Do & What Not To Do If....

As all of us are aware school is back in session! Every year Police Officers and Animal Control Officers are called to respond to loose dogs hanging out at local bus stops, stray dogs following children walking to and from school, dogs charging at families from their homes or yards, and occasionally hanging out in the yards of other people not allowing them to leave their houses. Whatever the case may be here are some simple tips you can take to keep you and your families safe.

If you discover a loose dog at your child's bus stop **DO NOT** try and chase it off! However **DO call 1-760-373-8606** and ask for an officer to respond and try to keep your distance from the stray animal.

If you are faced with a dog who is acting aggressively, example snarling or jumping toward you barking, **DO NOT RUN!** Dogs have a natural instinct to chase and often times running will make the situation worse. **DO** walk slowly away while facing the dog and avoid direct eye contact. A dog will take direct eye contact as a challenge! **DO call 1-760-373-8606** and ask for an officer to respond.

If you notice anyone bringing their dog to a bus stop without a lease on, **DO NOT** become confrontational with the individual. **DO** address the issue right there and then in a polite manner. If you notice that the owner is disregarding your request, **DO call 1-760-373-8606** and explain the situation at your earliest convenience.

If you are faced with a dog running at you from their homes or yards, **DO NOT RUN!** **DO** continue walking calmly and quickly away from the area. Once you are safe **DO call 1-760-373-8606** with as much information as possible. A good example would be a description of the dog & the address of where they came from.

If you have a dog in your yard **DO NOT** approach it. **DO call 1-760-373-8606**

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