



The SIX GOLDEN RULES

for keeping your dog happy and safe

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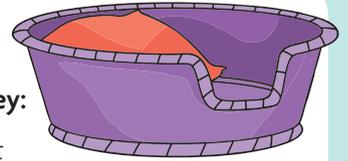
When you are with a dog, always have your parent/guardian close enough to hear and see you.

Listen to their instructions carefully, this will help keep you and the dog safe.

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Leave dogs alone when they:

- Are eating or have a treat
- Have a toy or something else they really like
- Are sleeping
- Are unwell, injured, or tired
- Are blind or deaf.



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Be kind and polite to dogs.

Treat dogs with the same respect as other people – most people wouldn't like someone pulling their ears or climbing on them, so we don't want to do this to dogs.

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Play with your dog in a way they will enjoy it.

Dogs love learning fun tricks like shake a paw, roll over, or play dead.



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Along with your parent/guardian, learn the signs of an unhappy dog from the RSPCA's 'Understanding dog behaviour' pages, and leave unhappy dogs alone.

If your dog looks unhappy or your parent/guardian asks you to, stay where you are and let the dog go somewhere they will feel safe and happy.

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Before meeting a dog, ask the owner and your parent/guardian if it's okay to say hello, and listen to how they want you to do that.

Stay where you are and let the dog approach you only if they want to. Some dogs may not want to say hello, we can leave them alone to keep them happy.

If there's no adult owner around to ask, leave the dog alone.

My name is _____

and I pledge to be kind to dogs by following the six golden rules.

TOP TIP

We all need a break sometimes, give your dog a cosy spot in a quiet room where they can have their own space. Everyone can then leave the dog alone when they're in their private spot.

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