



Keeping children, young people and animals safe

As a parent, carer, or guardian, as well as a pet owner, there are things you can do to keep all the loved ones in your home safe.

Here are some suggestions;

Keep children and pets supervised at all times

Although this can be difficult to manage 24/7, setting clear boundaries from the start, such as not allowing pets in bedrooms, can help reduce the risk of an incident happening.

Have a safe place for your pet to go.

Somewhere that is quiet, where they can be undisturbed. Pets 'having an out' also helps to reduce the risk of an incident happening as they can remove themselves if they feel threatened.

Positive interactions.

Where appropriate, have children and young people involved in the care of the pet (always under supervision). This can help build a bond between them.

Education, Education, Education!

Educating children and young people about animals is key to helping reduce the risk of something happening. Use our resources in '[Introduction to Understanding Animals](#)' to help your child or young person learn all about animals.