Kid and K9 Safety Tips and Activities

Draw lines to match the dog body language with the dog’s feeling:

A. Half moon eye  1. Angry
B. Panting and wagging  2. Deciding
C. Ears forward/mouth closed  3. Happy
D. Tail between legs  4. Anxious
E. Growling/ teeth bared  5. Scared

House Rules

1. Supervise all dog-kid interactions.
2. Play only safe games with the dog.
3. Do not use aggressive punishment with the dog.
4. If a toddler is touching the dog, an adult also has their hands on the dog.
5. Kids do not give the dog hugs and kisses – scratch the side of his neck instead.
6. Kids leave the dog alone if he is eating, resting, on or under the furniture or has a bone or toy.

True or False? – Circle T or F

1. Dogs like hugs and kisses.  T  F
2. Standing still like a tree is a safe way to get a dog to go away.  T  F
3. Chained dogs are more likely to bite than dogs that are loose.  T  F
4. Dogs often yawn to tell us that they are worried and want to be left alone.  T  F
5. Dogs usually enjoy a scratch on the side of the neck.  T  F
6. A dog that pulls its owner along on the leash is safe to approach.  T  F
7. A dog holding his tail straight up in the air is safe to approach.  T  F
8. Dogs like to sniff to say hello.  T  F
9. A dog who is panting and wagging his tail wants to be friends.  T  F
10. A dog with his tail between his legs is scared and should be left alone.  T  F
11. Dogs can make great pets.  T  F

Safe/Dangerous Games – Circle S or D

1. Tug of war  S  D
2. Teaching tricks  S  D
3. Wrestling  S  D
4. Chase-me games  S  D
5. Hide and seek  S  D
6. Fetch  S  D

Answers: T: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; F: 1, 7, 8, 9, 10

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