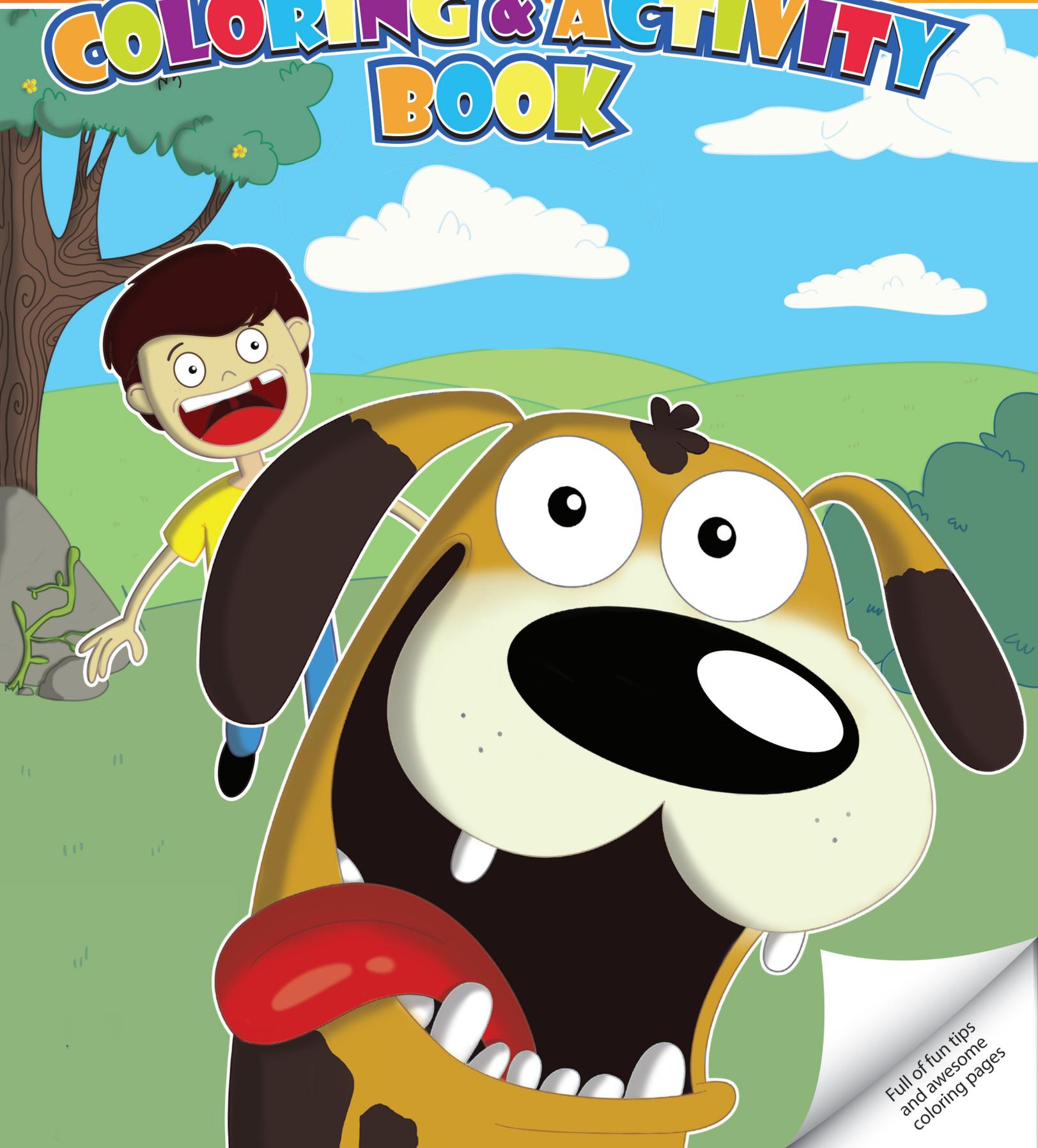


Don't Let the Dogs Bite:
How to be Safe Around Dogs

COLORING & ACTIVITY BOOK



Full of fun tips
and awesome
coloring pages

Dear Parents:

Many children are bitten and injured by dogs each year. Bites can result from family dogs, neighbor dogs, as well as strange dogs. These injuries often occur because children do not understand how to be safe around dogs.

"Don't Let the Dogs Bite: How to be Safe Around Dogs" can aid parents in teaching their children how to behave safely around dogs. After you read each page together, ask your child to explain the message presented in their own words. Consider presenting your child with a possible scenario involving the message on that page and have him respond (e.g., "If you see a dog you don't know and want to pet it, what should you do?"). And, of course, be sure to let your child enjoy coloring the pictures, exploring the activities, and solving the puzzles.

We hope you enjoy reading and working through "Don't Let the Dogs Bite" with your child. You may learn something too!

Hi Kids!

Dogs are known as "man's best friend" because they have formed strong bonds with us as pets, helpers, and companions. **Many dogs love to play and to be petted. But not all dogs are friendly or want to play all the time. If you are not careful, you could be bitten or hurt by a dog that is angry, afraid, or protecting its home and family.**

This "Don't Let the Dogs Bite" coloring and activity book will help you to understand the world from a dog's point of view. Each page of "Don't Let the Dogs Bite" gives you information about why dogs behave the way they do. By completing the coloring pages, crosswords, word searches, and other activities in this book, you will learn how to make sure that your time with dogs is fun and safe.

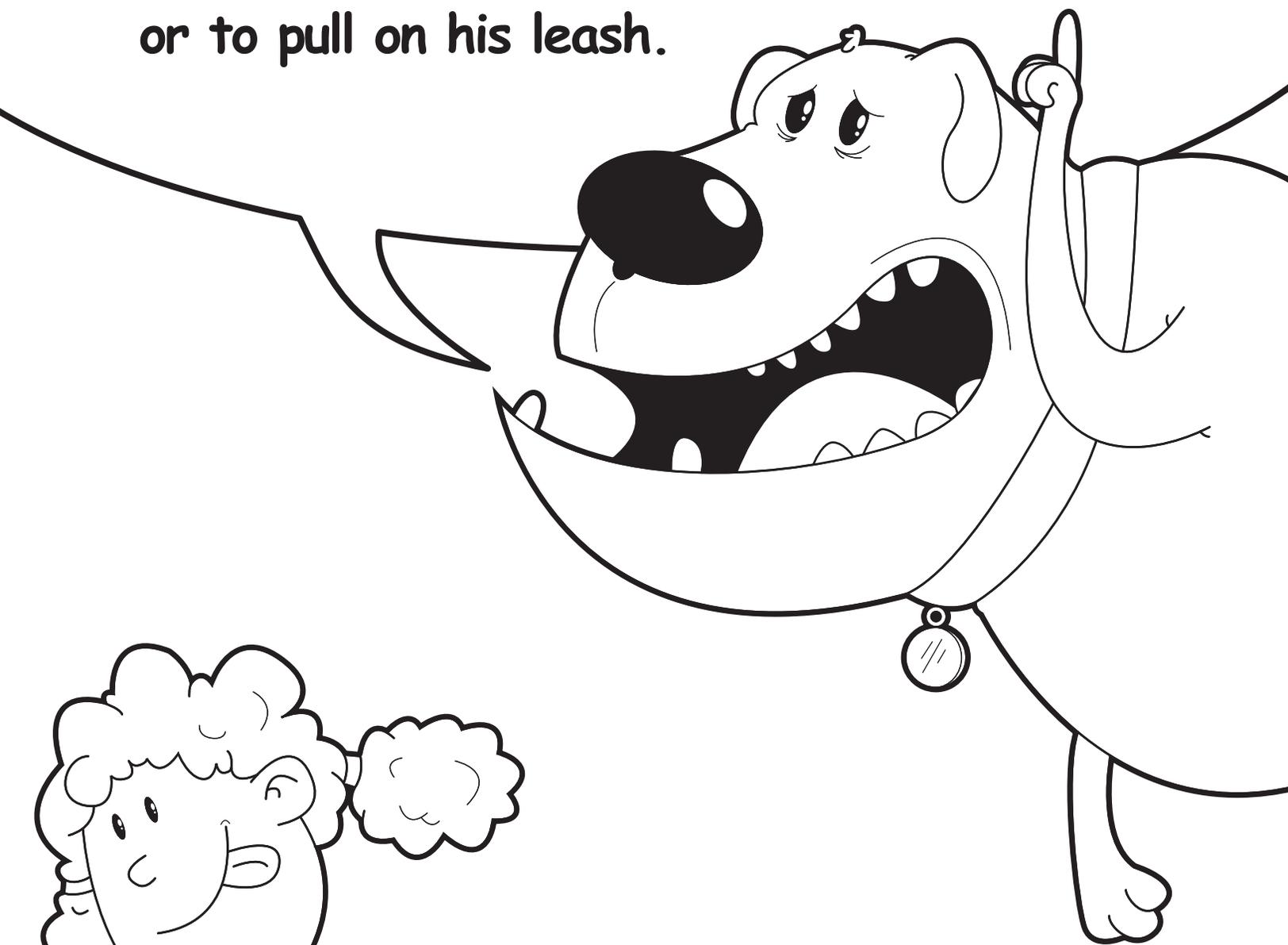
After you finish, there is a certificate at the back of the book you can remove and display to show everyone that you are a Dog Safety Expert!



Always ask permission before
You pet someone's dog.



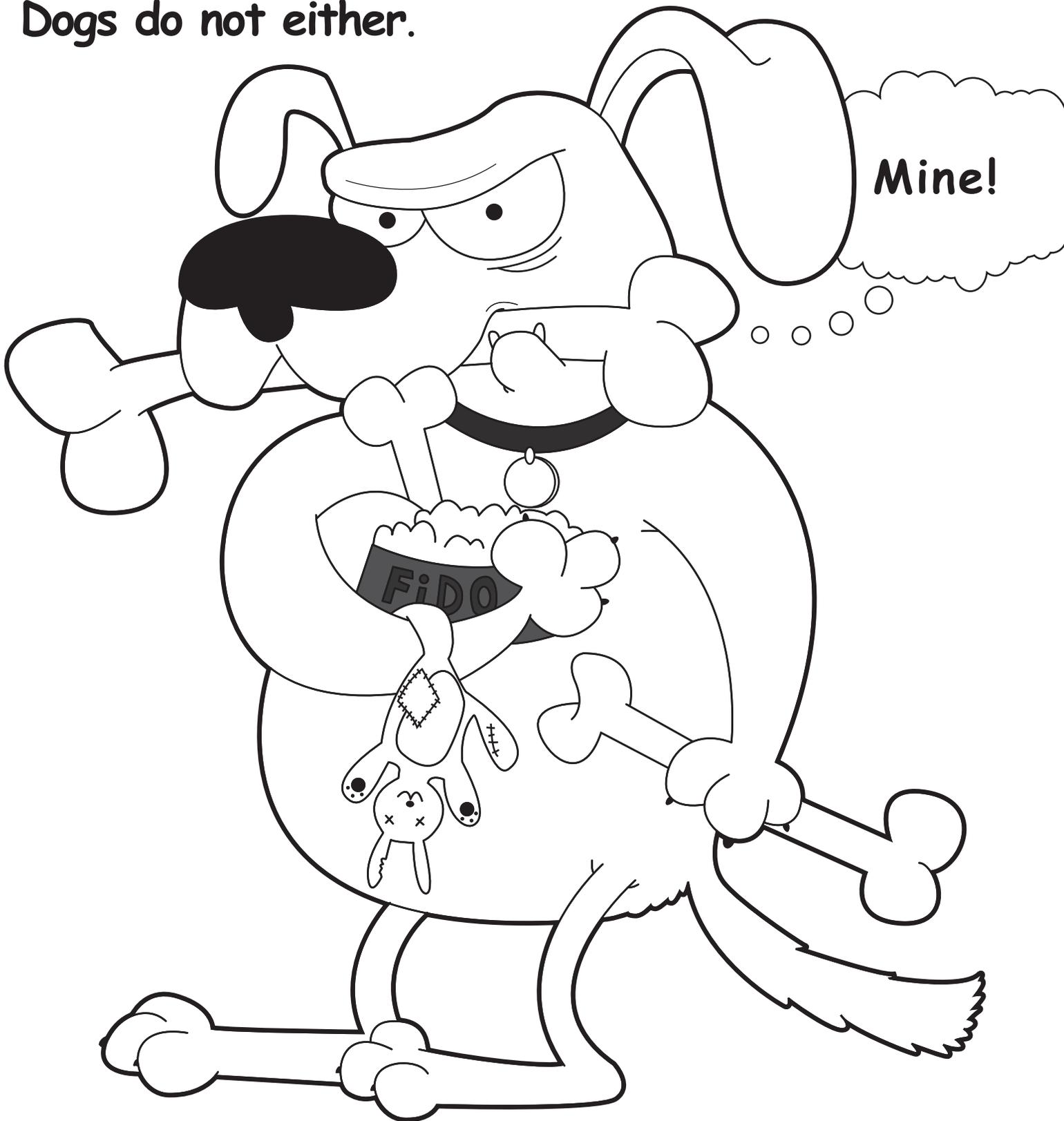
It is never nice to tease a dog
or to pull on his leash.



Dogs protect their food and toys.

Would you like a stranger to play with
your things without asking for Permission?

Dogs do not either.



Word Search

R	B	D	K	T	Q	P	L	A	Y	X	A	L	P	S
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BALL
 BARK
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 DOG
 FAMILY
 FUR
 LEASH
 LOVE
 PANT
 PET
 PLAY
 PUPPY
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Dogs protect where they live.

Do not try to pet a dog through a fence.

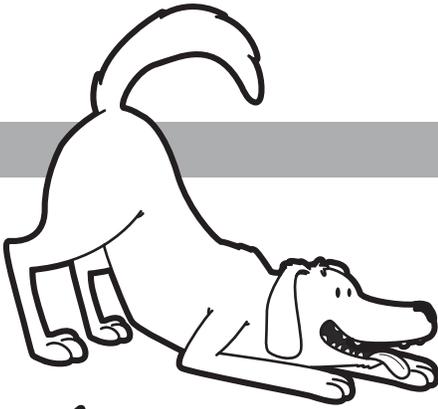
What do you think the dog is trying to say?

- a) I want to show you a toy.
- b) This is MY house.
Stay away!
- c) I just ate a giant burrito.

BARK!

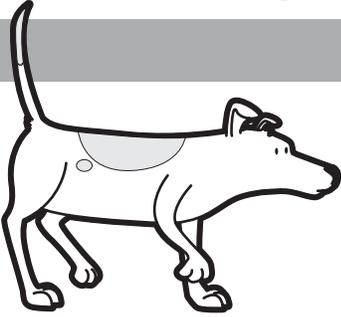
Answer: b) The dog is protecting his home and is trying to warn you to stay away.

Doggie Body Language



Playful

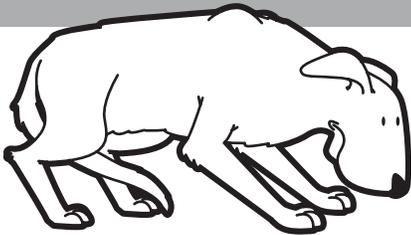
Eyes wide open
Perky ears
Relaxed body or front lowered with rear end up
Wagging tail
Excited barking, panting, or soft growling



Curious, Dominant or Alert

Ears up and forward
Mouth closed or slightly open
Tail sticking straight up or out from body
Sometimes standing on tip-toe
Low growl, grunt, or no noise at all

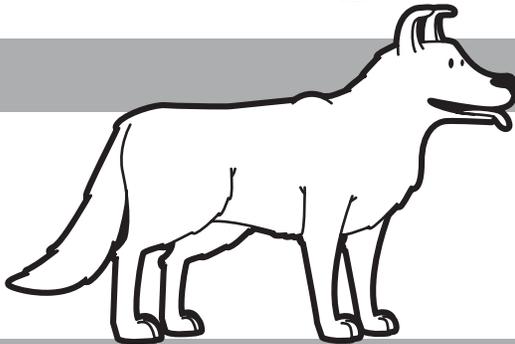
**BE
CAREFUL!**



Scared

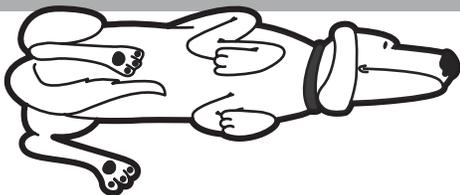
Ears laid back
Eyes looking away
Tense or trembling body
Tail between legs
Whining, yelping, or low growl

**STAY
AWAY!**



Relaxed and Friendly

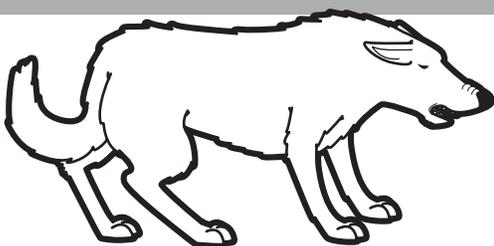
Ears perked up
Open eyes
Smiling mouth
Relaxed tail, possibly wagging a little
Short bark, whimpering, or no noise at all



Submissive

Body trembling, lying on back with belly up
Narrow eyes
Licking
Tail between legs
Whining

**BE
CAREFUL!**



Aggressive

Ears back and close to head
Narrow, angry eyes
Teeth showing
Body tense with hair raised on back
Snarling, growling, or barking loudly

**STAY
AWAY!**

Just like your mom protects you, a mother dog will protect her puppies.

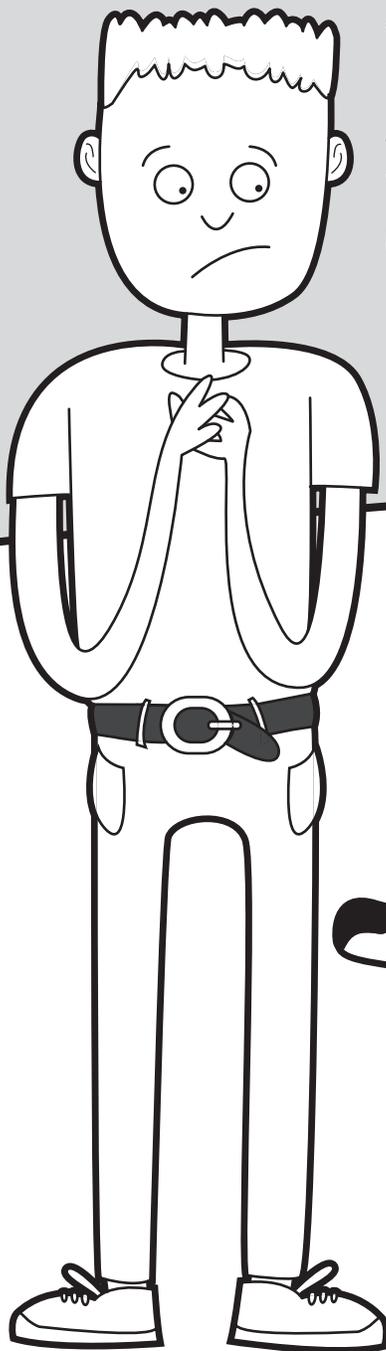
Do not go near a dog that is taking care of her pups.



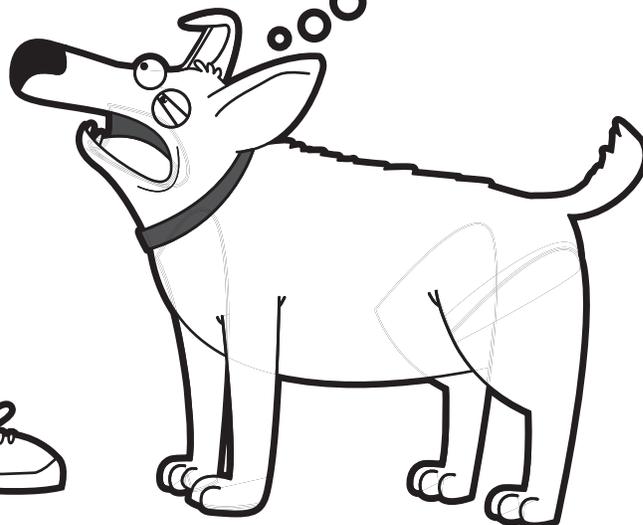


Sometimes dogs get loose.

If a strange dog comes near you, stand very still, like a tree.



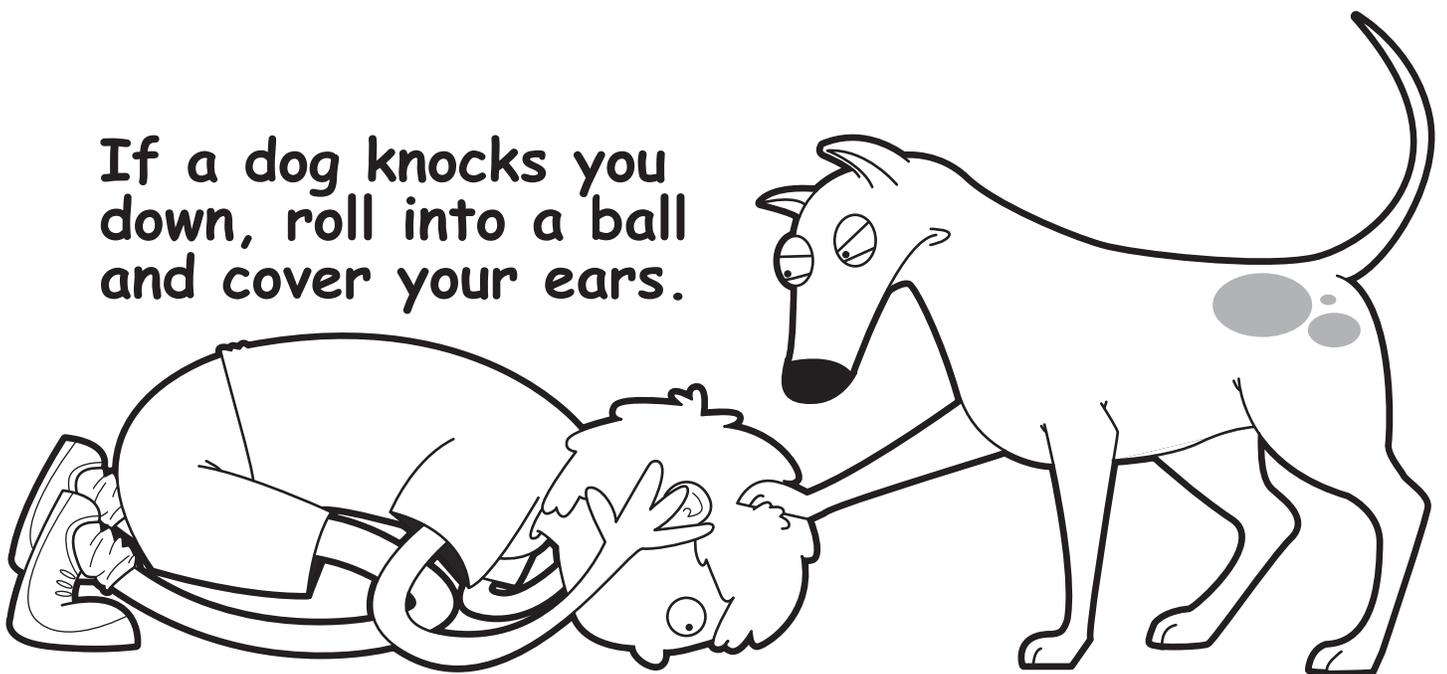
I am getting bored.
He is not moving at all.



If a strange dog comes up to you, hold out anything you have in front of you.



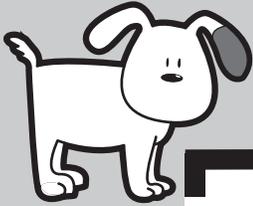
If a dog knocks you down, roll into a ball and cover your ears.



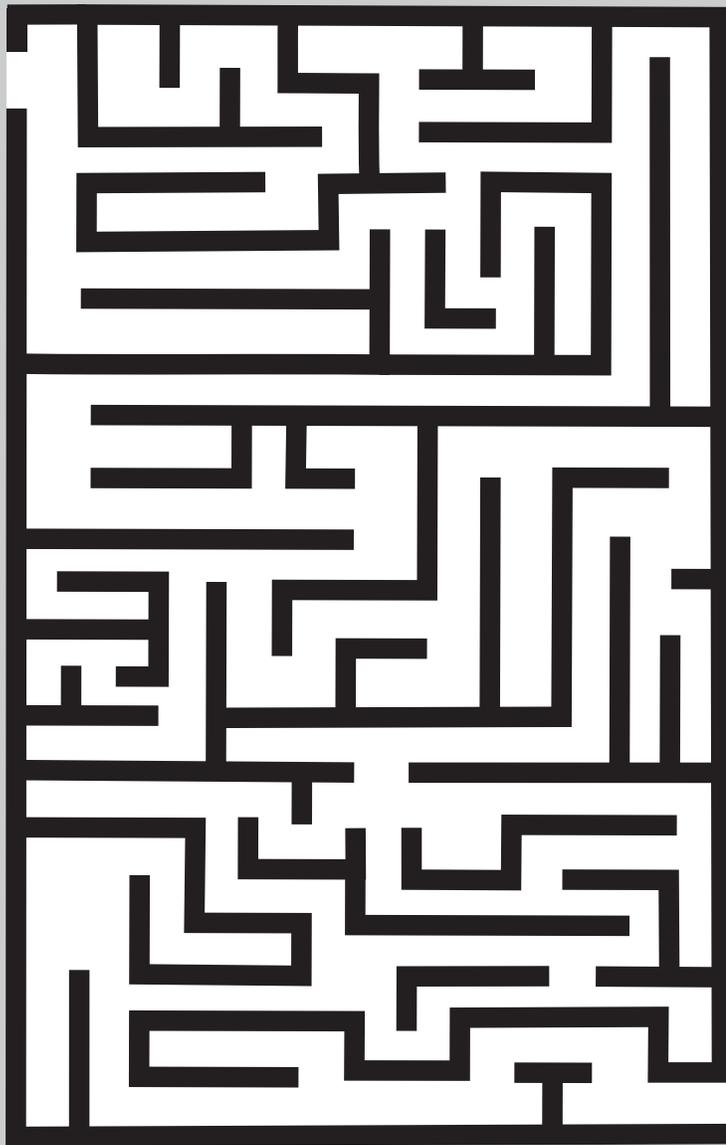
Maze

Help the pup find his way to his mom.

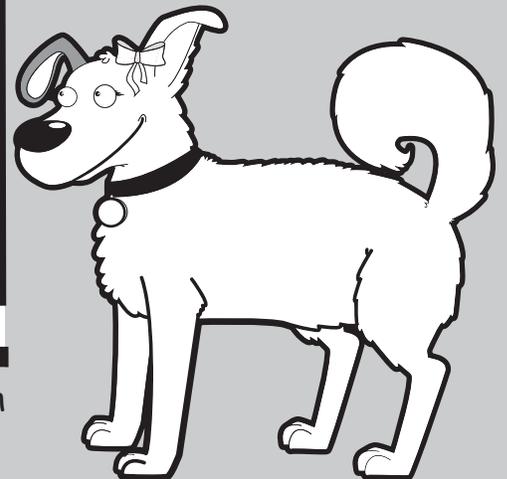
Remember, if you see a strange dog or puppy, do not play with him without an adult being there with you.



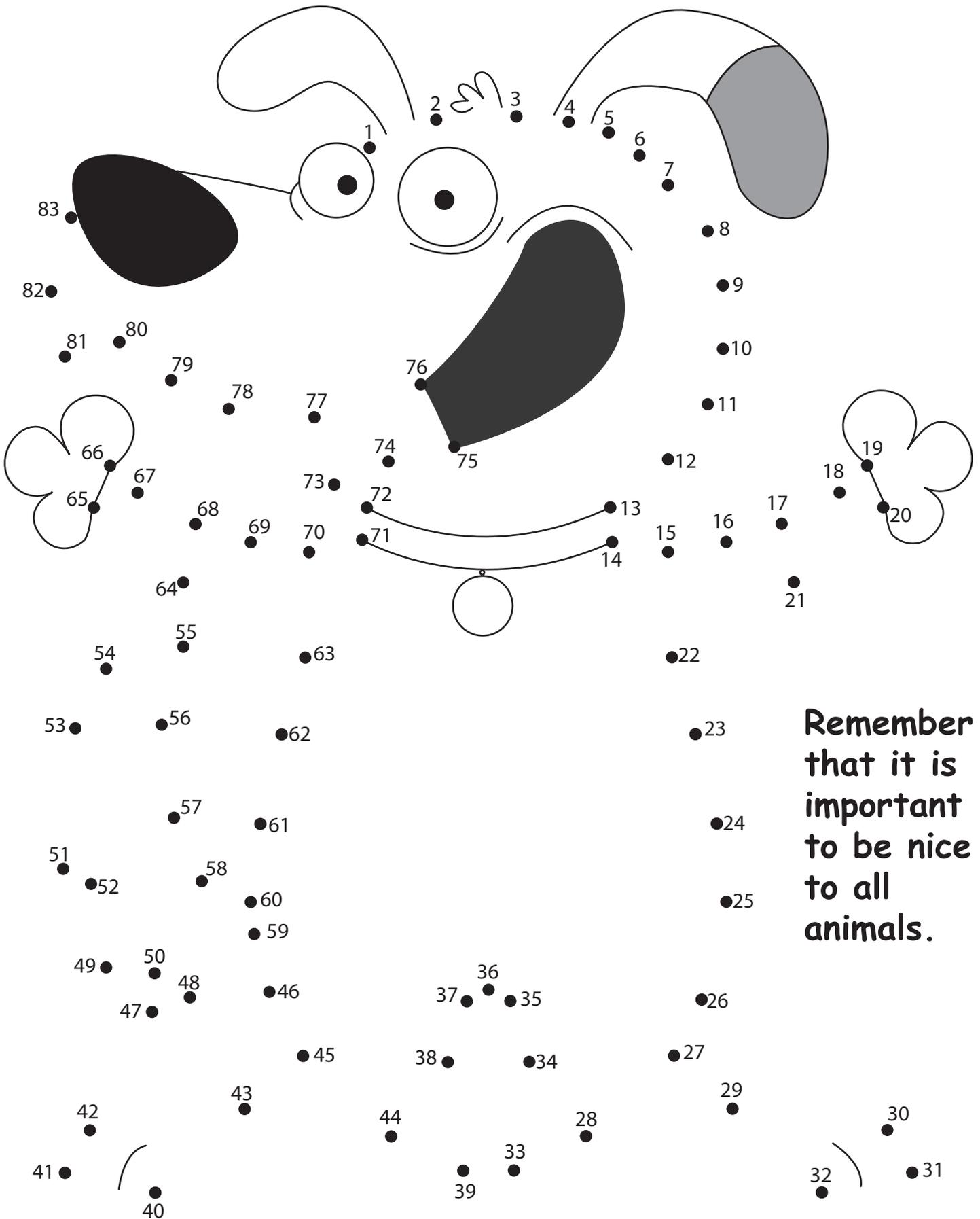
Start



Finish

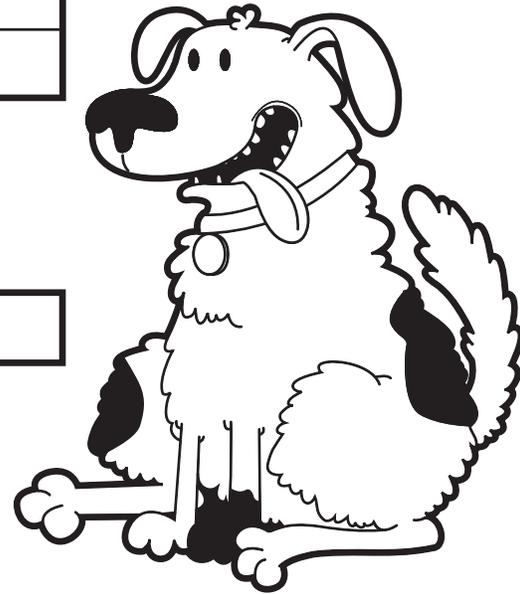
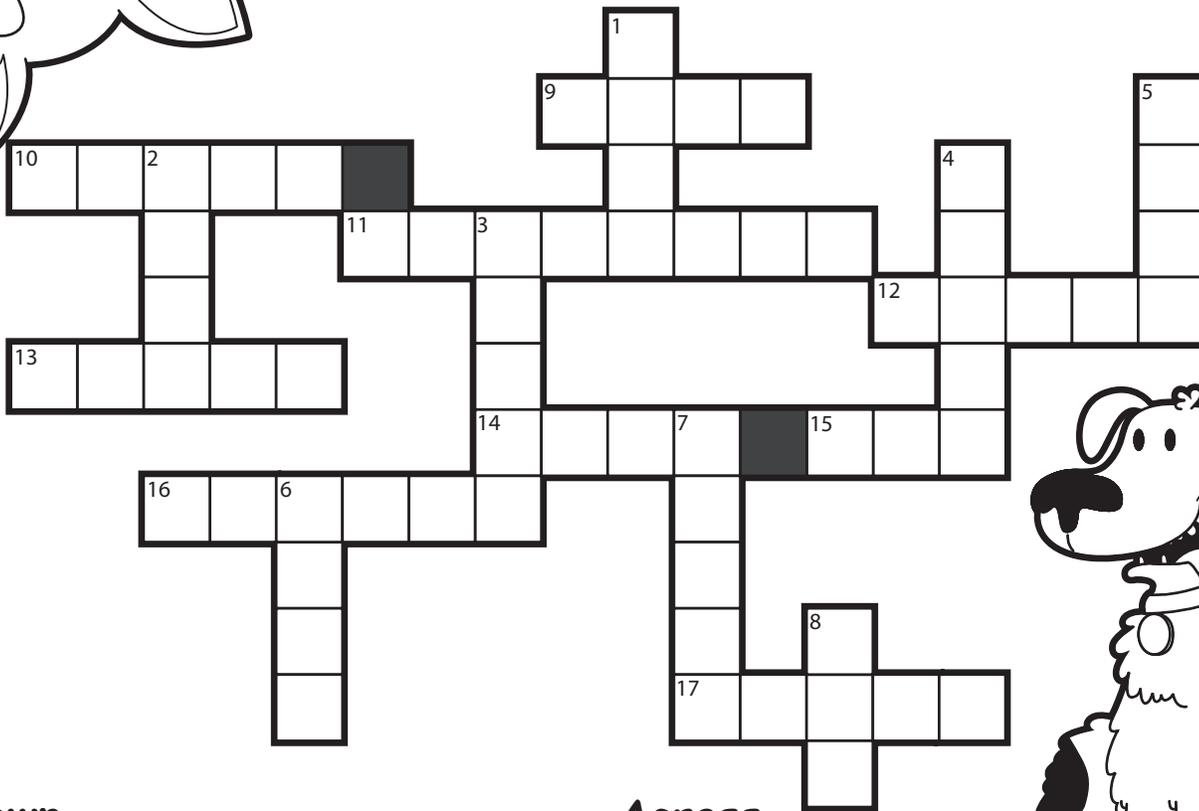
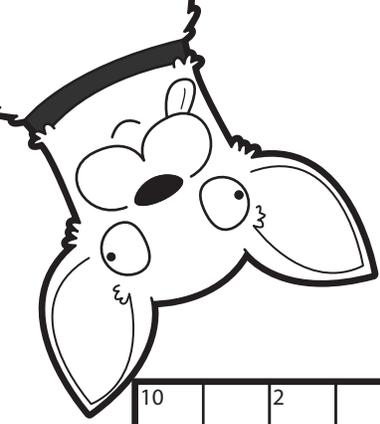


Connect the dots! Just follow the numbers!



**Remember
that it is
important
to be nice
to all
animals.**

Crossword Puzzle



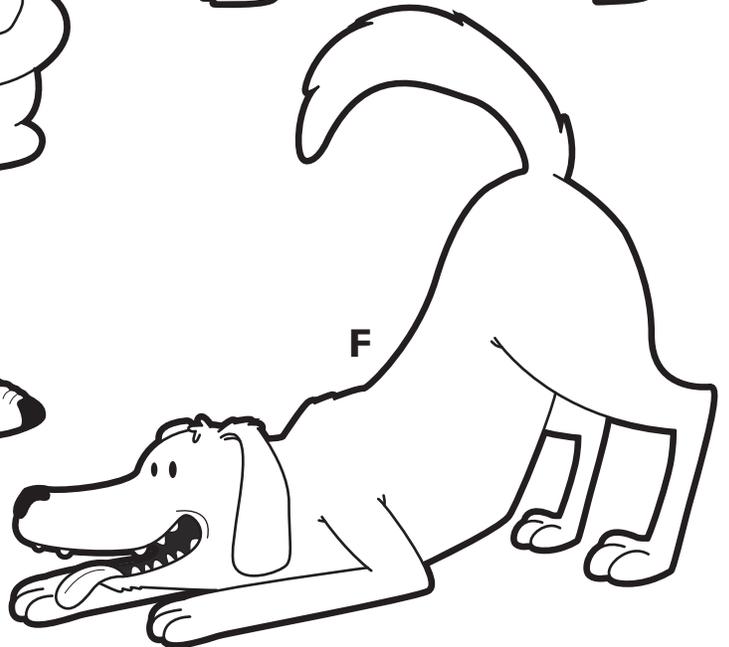
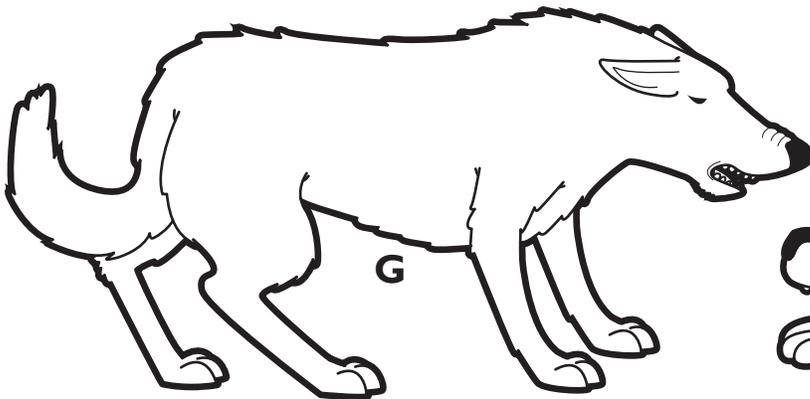
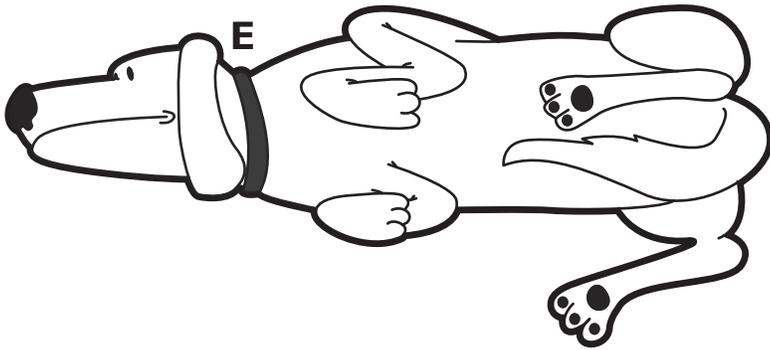
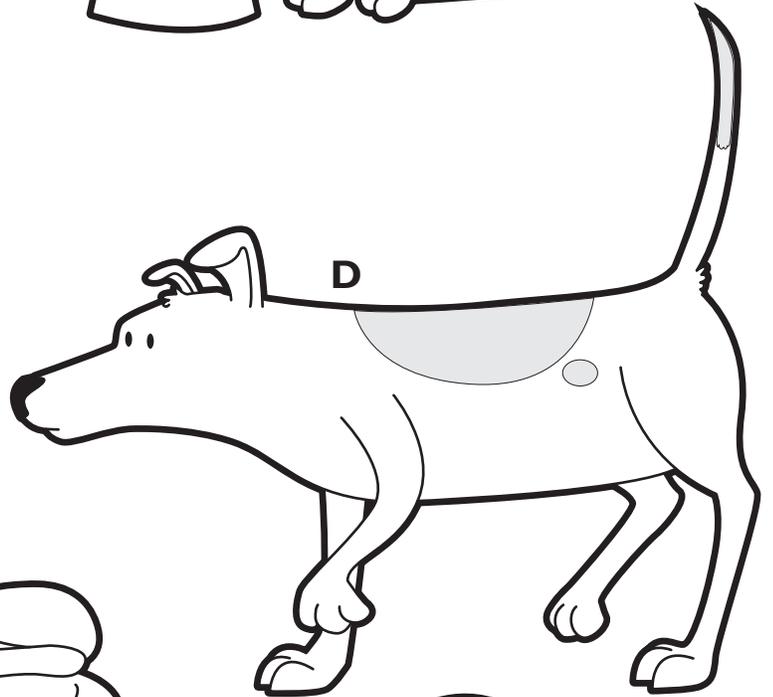
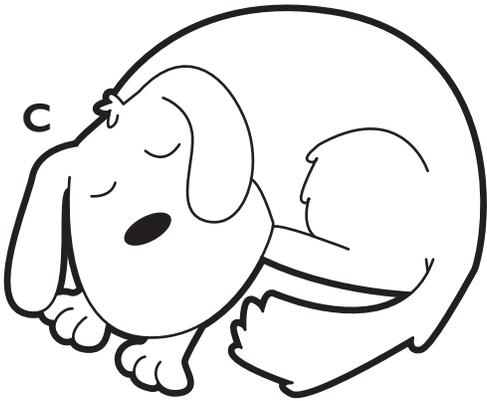
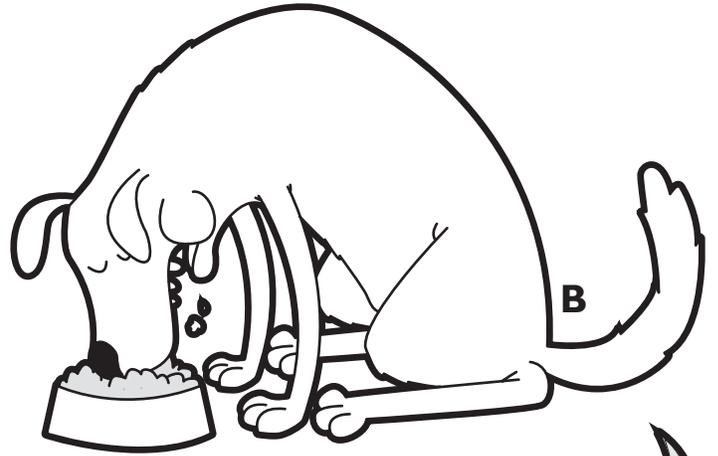
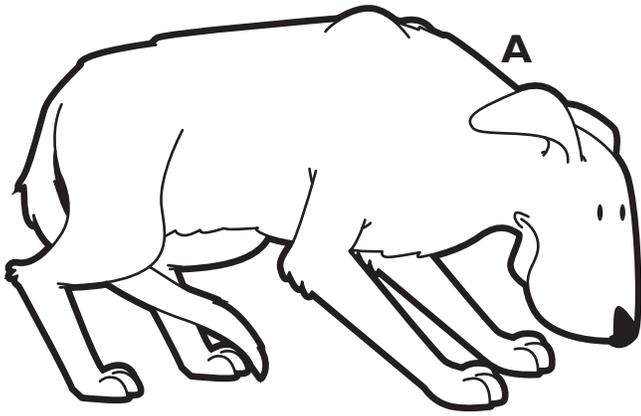
Down

1. A dog will wag its _____ when it is happy to see you.
2. Dogs _____ when they get hot.
3. Always ask a dog's _____ for permission to pet their dog.
4. Feed your dog a _____ when he does something good.
5. Stand like a _____ when a strange dog comes near you.
6. Dogs have four _____. You have two.
7. Dogs have a really good sense of _____.
8. Never leave your dog in the _____ when you go shopping.

Across

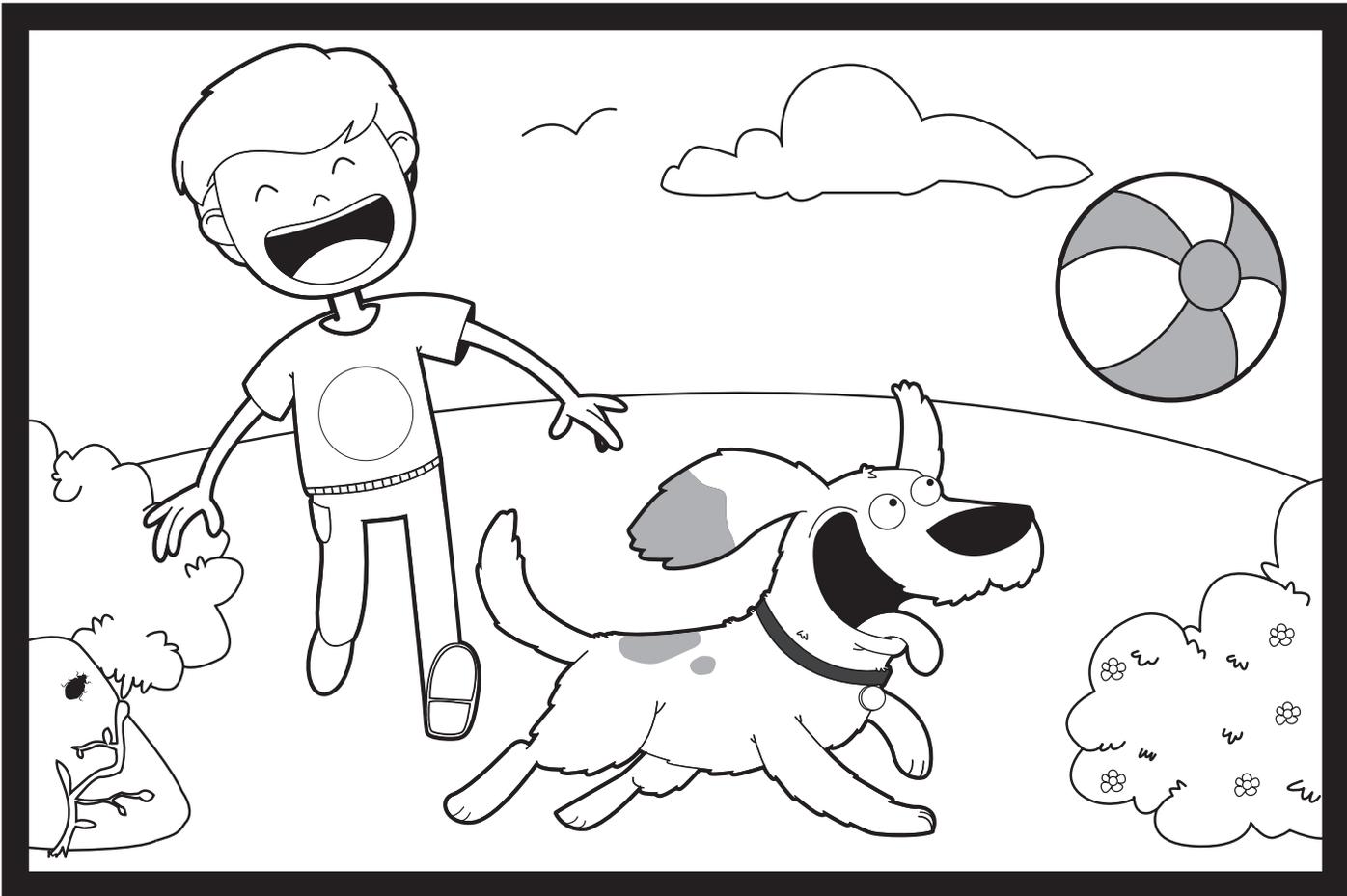
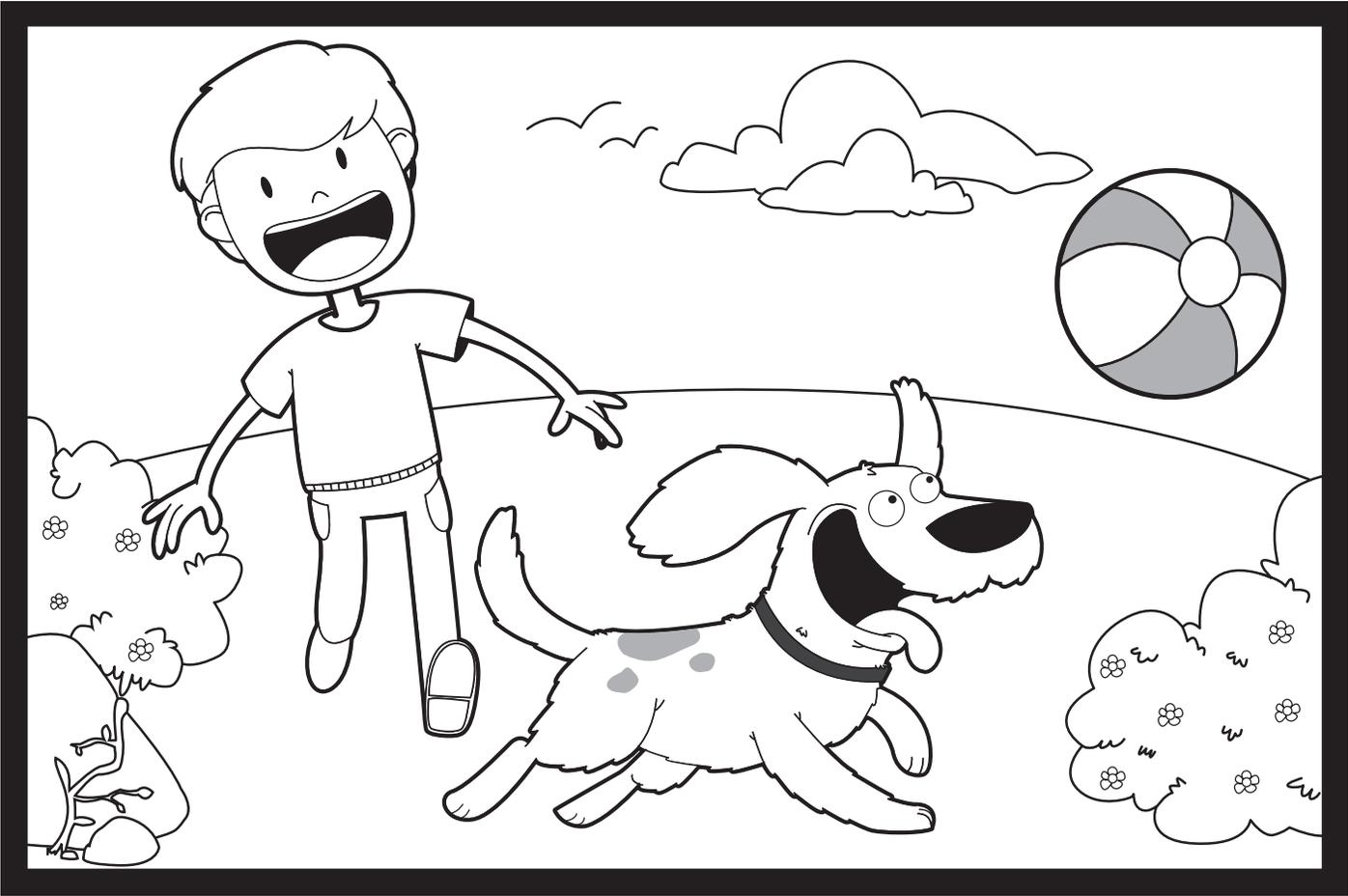
9. Dogs _____ to talk.
10. A baby dog is called a _____.
11. Never go near a dog that is _____ at you.
12. All houses with outdoor dogs should have a _____ around the yard to keep them from running away.
13. Always give your dog fresh _____ every day.
14. Newborn puppies are born with their _____ closed.
15. When your dog needs its annual checkup, you take it to the _____.
16. A _____ goes around a dog's neck.
17. Always put a _____ on your dog when taking him out for a walk.

Which of these dogs is ready to play?



Answer: F) The dog is in the downward dog pose, with his bottom up in the air and front low to the ground. This means he wants to play.

Spot the differences (there are 13)!

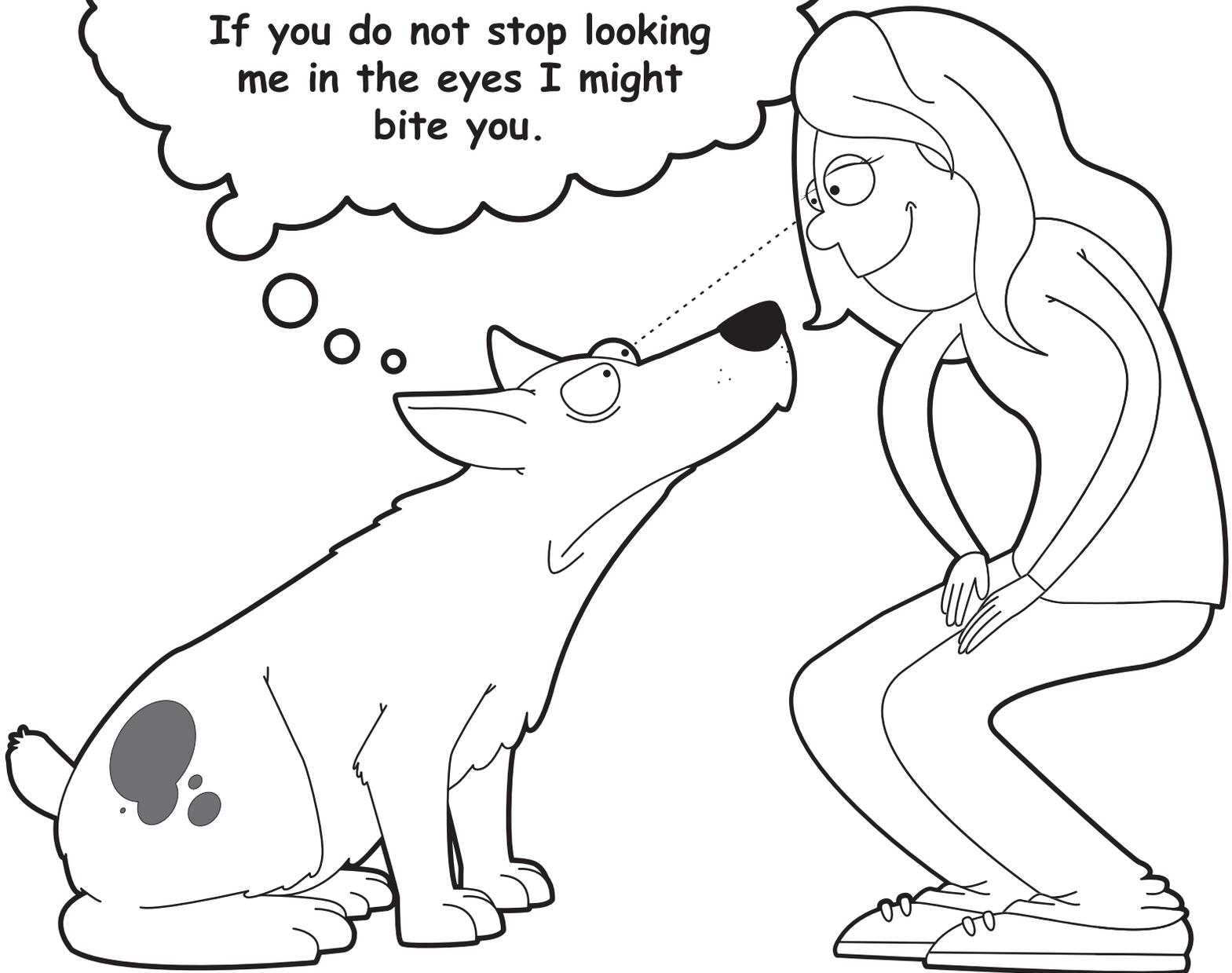


Staring into a dog's eyes can make him think you are trying to challenge him.

Never look at a dog directly in the face, especially with dogs you do not know.

You keep staring at me and it is making me very nervous.

If you do not stop looking me in the eyes I might bite you.



Fun Facts

The LARGEST dog breed is the Irish Wolfhound and the smallest is the Chihuahua.

Dogs can smell about 1000 times better than humans.

Greyhounds are the fastest dogs on Earth.

MOLLY AND MAGGIE ARE THE MOST POPULAR GIRL DOG NAMES. THE MOST POPULAR BOY DOG NAMES ARE MAX AND JAKE.

DOES YOUR DOG EVER TURN AROUND THREE TIMES BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP? IT IS PART OF A DOG'S INSTINCT TO DO THAT! WILD DOGS USED TO DO IT TO FLATTEN THE GROUND BEFORE SLEEPING ON IT.

There are over 800 breeds of dogs.

Dogs can sweat only between their toes.

Dalmatians are born completely white.

You have five senses: touch, taste, sight, hearing, and smell. Guess which sense dogs develop first? Touch!



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On the _____ Day of _____ In the Year _____

Parent Signature: _____



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