

Dogs – Friend or Foe?



Pre-reading

Questions:

- What do you know about the behavior of dogs?
- How would you protect yourself from an unfriendly dog?

Definitions:

- Foe – an enemy; someone or something that tries to hurt or harm another
- Tease – to make fun of or annoy
- Bother – to disturb or give trouble to
- Unfamiliar – not known or experienced before

Reading

14 Dogs bite many people each year. Many of these dogs are family pets. Any
30 dog that is teased or hurt may bite. Dogs that are scared may bite. Young children
36 are most likely to be bitten.

36 Children and adults should follow these rules about dogs:

- 45 • Never bother a dog that is eating or sleeping.
- 54 • Never scare or hurt dogs.
- 59 • Stay away from unfamiliar dogs.

64 Sometimes when you are walking, a dog will follow you. If you are afraid of
79 the dog, what can you do? First, stop walking. Second, look into the eyes of the
95 dog. Third, say “STOP” to the dog in a loud voice.

106 Keep your arms and hands close to your body. Do not kick at the dog. Do not
123 try to run away. If you start to run, the dog will think you are trying to play. The
142 dog may **chase** you. Try to walk away from the dog slowly.

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Understanding

1. Why is “Dogs – Friend or Foe” a good title for this reading? _____

2. When is a dog likely to bite someone? _____

3. What is one rule everyone should know about dogs? _____

4. Why is that a good rule to follow? _____

5. Why do you think young children are most likely to be bitten? _____

6. What does the word **chase** mean? _____

Writing

Choice A: What did you learn from this reading?

Choice B: Describe your experience with a friendly or an unfriendly dog.
