## DOGS

## PET PROTECTOR

 ACTIVITIES

OLDER CHILDREN

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## Pet Protector Activities: Older Children

Key learnings: Module 1


Dogs are pack animals that view their family as a pack. It is important that they see everyone within the family as a pack leader. Although dogs should always be treated with respect and kindness, you should make sure they know who is in charge. You can do this by teaching them to sit before they are fed and making sure it is you and not them that decides to start a game or play.
By law dogs must have some means of identification. They should wear a collar with their name and your phone number on it in case they get lost. They can also have a small chip injected under their skin which has their name and description as well as your name address and phone number on it.


Although dogs can't talk they have lots of ways of communicating. They may bark when they are excited or are warning people. They may whimper or cry if they are hurt or lonely. They usually growl when they are angry. If a dog growls when you are near it you should immediately stop what you are doing and slowly move away from the dog. Growling is a dog's way of telling you it doesn't like what is happening. It should be seen as a warning and not ignored.


## CROSS WORD:



## Across

2. Insect-like things that make your dog itchy

Down
3. Animal doctor who keeps your dog healthy
5. Your dog may do this if he is hurt
3. This happens when your dog is sick
6. Insect-things that get on your dog's skin
7. When your dog is feeling well
8. These can get in your dog's tummy

## Pet Protector Activities: Older Children

## Key learnings: Module 2



Your new dog should have its own bed and not be encouraged to sleep on your bed or furniture. He needs his own safe place to go to when he needs some alone time.


It is important that dogs are fed a balanced diet. Ideally they should eat prepared dog food and not food that is designed for humans. There are some foods that are very unhealthy for dogs and can make them sick. These include chocolate, grapes, ham and macadamia nuts. Fresh, clean water is all they need to drink.

Just like children most dogs love playing with toys, but playing with the wrong type of toys can be harmful for your dog and because he doesn't know how to be gentle he may chew or break your things if you let him play with them $A$ great toy for puppies and older dogs is called A Kong Toy, it can't be chewed into pieces and you can put food inside it to keep him busy.


## COLOURING:

## Colour in this picture

Your new puppy needs to eat just like you do! Colour in this picture of a puppy about to enjoy his meal


## Pet Protector Activities: Older Children

Key learning: Module 3


Just like us dogs need to have vaccinations to stop them catching certain diseases. A vaccination is a special injection given by the vet. All dogs should have regular vaccinations and check-ups with the vet every year.


To keep our dogs healthy we need to make sure we keep them free from fleas, ticks and worms. We can do this by using special medicines from the vet. Some worms that affect dogs can be caught by humans too so it is important that you always wash your hands after patting or playing with your dog. You shouldn't let them lick or kiss you either, especially on your face.


Despite our best efforts sometimes our pets do get sick. If you notice that your dog has stopped eating, has vomited, is limping or seems unwell in anyway, they should be taken to the vets to be examined.


## MAZE:

Can you walk your dog across the maze and get to the park?


## Pet Protector Activities: Older Children

Key learning: Module 4


If dogs escape or are left to roam the streets they can often be involved in car accidents. The type of injuries that result can vary but may include broken bones, internal bleeding and cuts \& bruises.

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Because dogs sometimes eat things they shouldn't, it is not uncommon for them to be affected by household poisons such as cleaning products and rat killer.


If you think your dog has been in an accident or appears injured you must be careful when approaching it. When dogs are in pain they may bite people, even people they know. Always find an adult and ask them to help get the dog to a vet quickly.


## WORD SEARCH:

Find all of the words below

## Word Search



## Answers Page - Module 1



## Across

2. Insect-like things that make your dog itchy (fleas)
3. Animal doctor who keeps your dog healthy (vet)
4. Your dog may do this if he is hurt (limping)
5. Insect-things that get on your dog's skin (ticks)
6. When your dog is feeling well (healthy)
7. These can get in your dog's tummy (worms)

## Answers Page - Module 3

## Answers Page - Module 4



## Word Search

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