



Dog Bite Prevention

Objective: Refresh skills of staff in area of dog bite prevention.

Content: Three scenarios of a dog bite situation are outlined, feel free to add some of your own to this starter list. Options to review include sharing and discussing each one as a group or dividing staff into small groups and assigning a scenario to each group to discuss and share their answers with the full group.

Scenario 1:

Shelby, a six-year-old male chow mix that has been attending daycare for five years without incident lashes out when Dover, a 7-month-old male German Shepherd bumps his head running from another adolescent dog. Dover has a nick on the ear that receives first aid treatment. In discussing the incident with Shelby's owner, he shares the fact that Shelby is in treatment for a severe ear infection.

- How do you respond to Shelby's owner?
- What action do you take regarding Shelby's daycare privileges?
- Do you have suggestions on how this bite could have been prevented?

Scenario 2:

Kona, a two-year-old, female chocolate Labrador that was evaluated last week is attending her third half-day of daycare. Roger is a new employee that started two weeks ago and is assigned the responsibility of walking dogs arriving to the daycare playgroup. When Roger reaches to unbuckle Kona's collar she snaps and inflicts a level 2-bite on Roger's hand.

- How do you explain the incident to Kona's owner?
- What action do you take regarding Kona's daycare privileges?
- Do you have suggestions on how this bite could have been prevented?

Scenario 3:

Angie is an intermediate level employee that is playing a game of fetch in her playgroup. The dogs have just gotten up from their lunch break and are having fun chasing the multiple balls that Angie is throwing for them. Suddenly a fight breaks out between two dogs: Max and Chloe over one of the balls. Max has a single level-3 puncture wound on the neck. When Alice, the supervisor reviews the incident report Angie completes she remarks that Dave, the morning daycare attendant mentioned that Chloe had been stalking Max and was grumpier than normal in the group.

- How do you explain the incident to Max and Chloe's owner?
- What action do you take regarding Chloe's daycare privileges?
- Do you have suggestions on how this bite could have been prevented?

Supporting Education Articles/Tools: The article listed and linked below provide additional information on the lunch n learn topic that can be introduced or refreshed as part of your training.

What Happened? Evaluating Fights & Bites

<https://www.thedoggurus.com/happened-evaluating-fights-bites/>

The Dog Guru Course Supporting Lessons: Lessons from our books or courses that relate to the lunch n learn topic that can be used as refresher training.

Knowing Dogs 201, Module 7

Off-Leash Dog Play: A Complete Guide to Safety & Fun, Chapters 1, 3, 4 & 5