



## CHICAGO ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL



### Dog Bites and What You Can Do to Prevent Them

As we all know, if something has teeth, it can bite. Dogs are no exception. May 21<sup>st</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup> is National Dog Bite Prevention Week. There are many things you can do to keep you and your dog—and those that your dog meets, the two- and four-legged—safe and happy.

CACC is intimately familiar with dog bites mainly because as the City's animal control facility, our inspectors investigate dog bites after they have been reported to us through 311. CACC also determines whether a dog will be deemed dangerous under the law. (See Chicago Municipal Code 7-12-020 for the definitions of a dangerous animal, and 7-12-050 for consequences for dogs and pet owners after a dog is deemed dangerous.) Dog incidents occur for many reasons, and can happen in an instant. These are some of the most common:

- **Lack of restraint, or insufficient restraint:** If pet owners do not properly restrain dogs while walking them, dogs can get loose, especially if they see another dog, or other fast-moving object that inspires a chase. **Retractable leashes are never a good idea.** Ensure your dog is on a secure six-foot or shorter leash, and that you have control of your animal at all times while walking in public spaces, or while on elevators. If your dog tends to lung at objects or people walking by, walk your dog with a comfortable muzzle, such as a baskerville muzzle, which allows the dog to breathe comfortably, drink and eat, but that would prevent a bite. If your dog is very reactive on leash, enlist a trainer, and double leash your dog.
- **Bad assumptions.** People assume that because their dog is good with other dogs, that other dogs will be good with their dog. Bad assumption to make! This assumption jeopardizes many a dog and dog owner on both sides of the equation. Many dogs prefer not to encounter other dogs while walking. Ensure the other dog owner is ok with a meet and greet before allowing your dog to say hello.
- **Fences:** Yards that are not checked for exits under or through fences. Dogs can dig or squeeze out. Dogs also jump over fences that are not high enough to contain them. If dogs are on the loose, bites can occur in efforts to capture them or while they are on the lam.
- **Read the dog's body language and be aware:** A stiff body, whale eyes, and growling are all signs that a dog is uncomfortable. It's important not to push the animal to take the next step. Children are especially vulnerable. Always monitor children around dogs.

### EVENTS

#### General Volunteer Orientations

- Saturday, May 13, 2017  
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 18, 2017  
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

More info: <http://bit.ly/2dl6N7p>

#### Low Cost Vaccine Microchip & Tag Clinic

- Wednesday, May 17, 2017  
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

#### Bottle Baby Kitten Workshops

- Tuesday, May 2, 2017  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 20, 2017  
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

#### Puppy Parent Workshop

- Saturday May 6, 2017  
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

#### Animal Foster Info Session

- Saturday, May 13, 2017  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

All Events take place in  
CACC's Auditorium  
2741 S. Western Ave.

### May is Also Chip Your Pet Month! So Celebrate May and Microchip Your Pet!

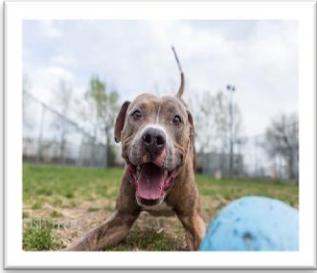
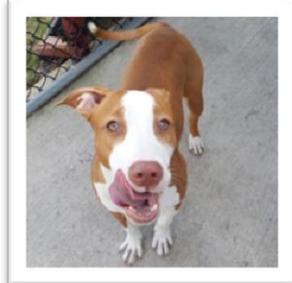
Don't think Fido or Fluffy will ever leave your side or get lost? CACC statistics show otherwise. Cats can fall out windows. Dogs can get spooked while walking. Leashes can get dropped or break. Foxes (and yes, we've had those too!) can dig out from underneath fences, and go a-roaming. Best to keep your precious pets safe with both a microchip, and an ID tag affixed to their collars with your phone number. Be sure to keep your microchip information current and provide more than one phone number. Most recently at CACC, a dog that had been missing for two years was reunited with his long-lost owners because he had a microchip. If you find a lost animal or lose an animal, please be sure to check CACC's Pet Harbor site, and Helpinglostpets.com, where CACC uploads stray animals that come into the facility. Put signs up everywhere. And visit the shelter for a lost pet tour regularly.





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	<p><b>Charmander</b> (A163196) is a 3-year-old neutered male who came into the shelter on 3/29 as a stray. He walks nicely on a leash and is affectionate without being overbearing. He knows sit, and takes treats very nicely. He plays fetch and drops the ball so you can throw it again and again. Adopt this great guy!</p>		<p>Hello gorgeous! <b>Norma Arnold</b> (A164376) is a sweet, loving, and affectionate 3-year-old girl. She is absolutely stunning, and just as sweet as can be! She came to CACC as a stray. We don't know her past, but we believe she has a bright future ahead!</p>
	<p><b>Lala</b> (A162571) is sweet and quiet in her cage, but once outside, this puppy comes out in a big way! Like any 6-month-old, she'll enjoy manners training. She loves to run, so if you love to exercise, this is your girl! Lala helps test new Playgroup dogs and would love someone to take her to training class.</p>		<p><b>Pooki</b> (A163963) is a cute and outgoing 3-year-old tuxie who is happy to interact with people. She loves attention and is very affectionate! She's been here almost a month – so it's high time for her to find the perfect home!</p>
	<p><b>Sully</b> (A161689) is a silly, goofy 8-month-old pup, so every experience is fun and new to him. Flat-footed Sully is very playful and gallops around like a pony after toys. He is learning about leashes and how to take treats gently. He recently started to attend Playgroups where he has a ball with the other dogs! Sully would love a companion who will continue his manners and leash training and help him become the best dog he can be!</p>		<p>Six-year-old <b>Kayla</b> (A163858) came in with three other cats because her owner could no longer care for them. All of her siblings have been adopted, and now she is the only one left. Kayla misses her buddies and would love to have another kitty companion to curl up with! Kayla has a wonderful affectionate disposition and appears to be very well cared for. She is such a sweetheart. Please give her a chance!</p>