



ARLGP FOSTER PROGRAM RESOURCES: Safe Interactions for Children and Dogs



Unsafe Interactions	Safe Alternative
Hugging, putting your face close to your dog, lying on or riding her	Sitting next to your dog, rubbing or scratching her chest or underside of her neck
Playing games of chase	Playing hide and seek (dog searches for person or object)
Playing tug-of-war	Playing fetch
Stepping over your dog while it is resting	Respecting your dog's resting space and walking around her. If she is blocking your way ask an adult for help.
Bothering your dog while she is sleeping, eating, has a toy or bone, or is hurt	Waiting for your dog to come to you for attention.
Dressing your dog up in clothes.	Dressing your stuffed animals up.
Hitting or poking your dog with sticks or other object.	Being gentle with your dog.
Pulling your dogs ears, tails or fur.	Scratch your dogs chest or side of her neck.
Sticking your fingers in your dog's crate	Letting your dog rest if she's chosen to go in her crate.
Playing inside your dog's crate.	Practicing "in and out" by tossing treats into the crate.
Following your dog around to pet her.	Waiting for you dog to come to you for attention.
Playing rough and excited with your dog. Running and shouting around dogs.	Standing still with hands by your side if your dog gets too excited.
Picking up or carry around your dog or puppy.	Sitting on the floor so your puppy can snuggle in your lap if she wants to.