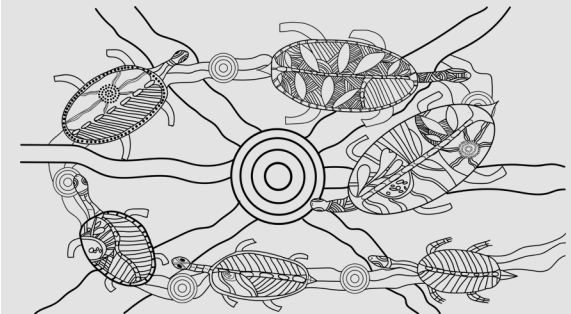


Meet Icon

The School's Therapy Dog





This is Icon



- Icon is a Labrador Retriever
- Icon was trained as a guide dog
- Our students worked with Icon as a puppy
- Icon was also trained as a therapy dog





Icon is our school's therapy dog



- Icon is a member of the school community
- Icon is a staff member
- Icon loves children
- As a therapy dog, Icon can help people be happy and calm





Rules and Boundaries



- Icon will spend a lot of time in The Hub
- To be safe, everyone must follow rules when spending time with Icon
- Everyone spending time with Icon must be Safe, a Team Player, Achiever and Respectful.
- Icon must follow rules too.





Rules and Boundaries



- Icon must only be handled by an adult
- Students must check with the adult before touching Icon
- Only one person at a time should interact with Icon
- Do not make loud or excited noises when near Icon
- Approach Icon from the front
- Hold your hand out and pat him on the side of his shoulders
- Do not pat Icon on the top of his head
- If Icon goes on his back, you may give him a gentle tummy rub





Greeting Icon



HOW **NOT** TO GREET A DOG

Most people do this stuff and it stresses dogs out so they BITE!
I don't care how cute you (or your kid) think Boogie is. Please show him some respect.



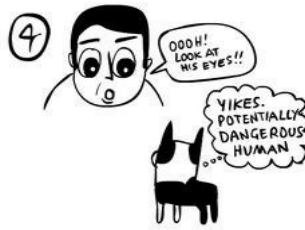
DON'T
Lean over the dog & stick your hand in his face



DON'T
Lean over the dog & stick your hand on top of his head



DON'T
Grab or Hug him



DON'T
Stare him in the eye
(This is an adversarial gesture)



DON'T
Squeal or shout in his face



DON'T
Grab his head and kiss it
(This is an invasion of space)

Doing this to a dog who doesn't know you is like a perfect stranger giving you a great big hug and kiss in an elevator. Wouldn't that creep you out? And wouldn't you have the right to defend yourself?

THE CORRECT WAY:



- * No Eye contact
- * Let the dog approach you in his own time
- * Keep either your SIDE or BACK towards the dog (non-threatening posture)



- * Pet or stroke him on the SIDE of his face or body. Or on his back.



Early Signs of Stress



FIDDLE: Early Stress Signals in Dogs



If you see any signs of stress, leave Icon alone and let him settle.