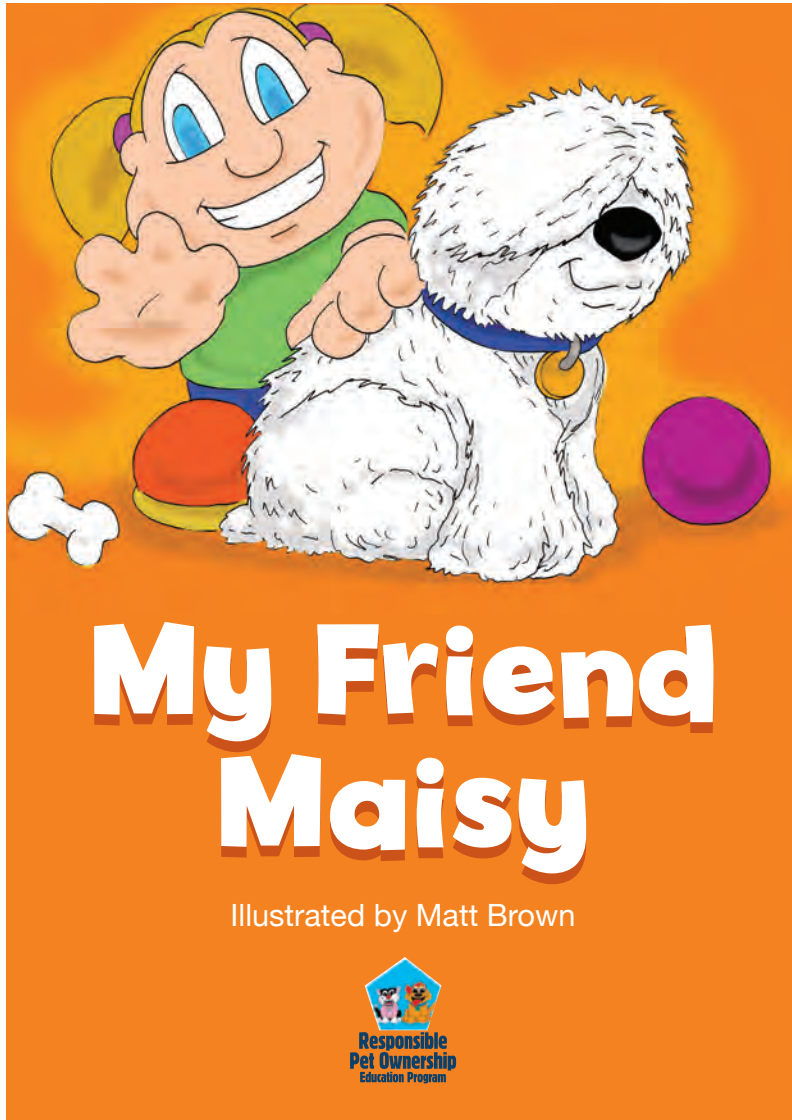




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INTENTIONAL TEACHING POINT TWO

There are times when we should leave dogs alone

Background

Research clearly shows that there are certain situations where young children are at a higher risk of being bitten by a dog. Accordingly, the Program educates children not to approach dogs at these times and provides them with alternative strategies.

This should be taught in conjunction with Intentional Teaching Point Three – There are things we should not do to dogs.

Learning Outcome




The children understand that dogs should be left alone in a range of potential high-risk situations.



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 <p>Introduces the characters Jenny and Maisy the dog.</p>	<p>Dogs and people are different.</p> <p>Dogs do not have hands or voices like us.</p> <p>We communicate differently.</p> <p>We think differently.</p>	<p>What can you see in this picture?</p> <p>Where are Jenny and Maisy?</p> <p>Who can tell me the differences between a dog and a person?</p> <p>How do we let people know we are happy, sad, and angry?</p> <p>How do you think a dog tells us that it is happy, sad and angry?</p>
 <p>Backyard scene with a parent and child sharing a game with the dog.</p> <p>Ball is going over the fence.</p>	<p>The best time to play with a dog is when mum and dad are with us.</p> <p>Children need strategies other than climbing over the fence, or opening a gate, to get the ball.</p>	<p>Who is playing in the backyard?</p> <p>Why do you think Jenny's Dad is outside?</p> <p>What games do you like to play in your backyard?</p> <p>What is on the other side of the fence?</p> <p>How could Jenny get the ball back if it went next door?</p>
 <p>Four pictures showing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jenny and Maisy asleep Jenny and Maisy eating. 	<p>If you frighten the dog while it is asleep it might think it is in danger and bite to get away.</p> <p>Dogs will protect their food. If you go too close they might think you are trying to take it.</p>	<p>What can you see Jenny and Maisy doing in these pictures?</p> <p>What would you do if someone came in yelling while you were asleep?</p> <p>What do you think a dog would do?</p> <p>What could you do to wake the dog so it would not be frightened?</p> <p>How would you feel if you thought someone was going to take your favourite food away from you?</p> <p>Why do you think we should never go near a dog while it is eating?</p> <p>What do you think we should do if you saw a dog eating?</p>



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 <p>Four pictures showing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog and child sick • Dog and child with baby/ puppies. 	<p>Dogs cannot tell us they are sick or hurt. Like us they just want to lie quietly.</p> <p>They might get angry if you don't let them.</p> <p>Dogs are very protective of their young. We should never go near a mother and her puppies.</p>	<p>How does Jenny look?</p> <p>What tells you that Jenny is sick?</p> <p>What do you like to do when you are not well or hurt?</p> <p>How would Maisy's owners know she was unwell?</p> <p>Would Maisy need to rest when she was unwell? Why?</p> <p>How would you feel if people were not allowing you to rest?</p> <p>What might you do?</p> <p>What do we call baby dogs?</p> <p>What would Mum and Dad do if a stranger came up to your baby brother or sister?</p> <p>How do you think a dog would do if a stranger came up to her puppies?</p>
 <p>Park scene with a child asking to pat.</p> <p>There is also a dog tied to a park bench in the background.</p>	<p>Child asking if he can pat Maisy.</p> <p>He is in front of Jenny and her parents so that they and the dog can see him.</p> <p>A grown up should always be with you when walking the dog.</p> <p>There is a dog tied to a park bench with no owner.</p> <p>Dogs that are not with their owners, and on a leash, should never be approached.</p>	<p>Who can you see in this picture?</p> <p>Why is Jenny walking Maisy with her parents?</p> <p>What do you think the boy is asking?</p> <p>Why is it a good idea to ask before patting?</p> <p>Why do you think Mum or Dad should go with you when walking the dog?</p> <p>Why do you think we should not go near the dog tied to the bench?</p> <p>What could happen if we tried to pat this dog?</p>



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 <p>Child stroking the dog on the back with the parent holding the dog on the lead.</p>	<p>Emphasize the correct way to pat.</p> <p>The dog must be on leash with its owner.</p> <p>Ask the owner.</p> <p>Keeping his face away from the dog's face.</p> <p>Pat on the back /shoulder not on the head.</p> <p>Do not hug the dog around the neck.</p>	<p>Why is it OK to pat this dog? (On leash and with its owner).</p> <p>What do you have to ask the owner?</p> <p>Where is it safe to pat a dog?</p>
 <p>Footpath scene.</p> <p>Aggressive dog approaching.</p> <p>A dog is on the back of a Ute.</p>	<p>Being approached by an angry dog is frightening and the first reaction is often to try and run away.</p> <p>We have to be very brave and stand still.</p> <p>You should never approach a dog in a car or tied to one.</p>	<p>Do you think Jenny and her mum look frightened? Why?</p> <p>How do you know that this dog is angry?</p> <p>How do you think you would feel if an angry dog came up to you?</p> <p>What do you think would happen if Jenny and her mum tried to run away?</p> <p>Who do you think can run faster, the dog or Jenny?</p> <p>Do you think it would be safe to go up and pat this dog?</p>



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 <p>Footpath scene demonstrating correct way to act if approached by an aggressive dog.</p> <p>There is a boy looking over the fence.</p>	<p>We need to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stand still • Keep your hands down. • Stay as quiet as a mouse. • Look at the ground not the dog. <p>It is dangerous to climb on fences because the dog could jump causing him to overbalance and fall perhaps into the same area as the dog.</p>	<p>What are Jenny and her mum doing?</p> <p>Do you think they might be scared? Why?</p> <p>Why is it not safe to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wave your arms around? • Scream and yell? • Stare at the dog? <p>What is the boy doing?</p> <p>Why should you not climb fences?</p> <p>What could the angry dog try and do to this boy?</p>
 <p>Footpath scene showing Jenny and her mother backing away.</p>	<p>You should remain very still and quiet until the dog has lost interest and gone away.</p> <p>Slowly back up to make sure the dog doesn't come back.</p>	<p>What has happened to the dog?</p> <p>Why have Jenny and her mum waited until the dog has gone away?</p> <p>Why are they backing away and not running?</p>
 <p>Family with the dog.</p>	<p>Revisit some of the key teaching points from this story of Jenny and Maisy.</p>	<p>Can you tell some things we need to do when we want to say hello to a dog?</p> <p>Is it safe to go up and pat a strange dog?</p> <p>What do you do if you see an angry dog?</p>



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