

Ruff Start Rescue Presents

# COLLAR GRAB NO! NO! NO!

Tips for bite prevention



## KNOW THAT...

### Grabbing a dogs collar

Invades their personal space. Many dog bites are the direct result of handlers making dogs feel unsafe by reaching for the collar.

**Do not grab the collar!**

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### Keeping their equipment on

is key to safe handling. Have your foster dragging a leash connected to their harness gives you a means to manage them without invading their personal space.

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### Using food to redirect

Dogs can be encouraged to change unwanted behaviors with food distractions. Tossing food in the opposite direction may help to move them away from high stress situations.

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### Keeping dogs separated

When food and toys are present will prevent tension from rising and resource guarding behaviors from presenting.

Should dogs become over aroused or possessive use the leash to separate.

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### We are here to help!

Ask for help before you need it. When in doubt, reach out for assistance. Preventing bites is a top priority for your safety and the safety and adoptability of your foster.

Contact your volunteer trainers at  
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more information or assistance

