



## Staying Safe Around Animals

- **Do not** pet unfamiliar animals.
- **Do not** tease animals.
- **Do not** surprise any animal.
- **Do not** touch a sleeping dog.
- **Do not** turn your back on a dog.
- **Do not** bother a dog while it is eating.
- **Do not** leave small children alone with a dog.
- **Do not** stare into a dog's eyes.
- **Learn signs of aggressive and fearful animal behavior:**
  - Ears are erect or back
  - Body is stiff
  - Tail is stiff
  - Body is crouched with head down
  - Tail hangs down or is tucked between legs
  - Growling (dogs) or spitting (cats)
  - Staring straight ahead
  - Hair standing on end



## Helpful Phone Numbers

- BARC Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care** ..... (713) 238-9600  
 Report animal bites, scratches or attacks  
 Report loose, stray or other animal complaints  
 Kennel  
 Licenses  
 Administration, educational speakers and tours  
 Volunteers, adoptions, foster program  
 Visit our website  
<http://www.houstontx.gov/health/BARC/index.html>
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- Barking Dogs (Houston Police Department) . . . . (713) 222-3131
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- Citizens for Animal Protection ..... (281) 497-0591
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- Dead Animal Pickup (Public Works) ..... 311
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- Free Spay/Neuter for Pets of Low-Income Citizens:  
 Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) ..... (713) 522-2337
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- Harris County Rabies Control ..... (281) 999-3191
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- Harris County Veterinary Medical Association . . (713) 688-6667
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- Homeless Pet Placement League ..... (713) 862-7387
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- Houston Humane Society ..... (713) 433-6421
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- Houston SPCA ..... (713) 869-8227
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- Rodent and Rat Control  
 (Neighborhood Protection) ..... 311

