

Be Safe Around Dogs

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The purpose of this book is to give children tools to keep them safe around dogs.

Did you know....



most dog bites happen to children ages 2-14



most dog bites to children occur at home or at a friend's house



most bites to young children are on the face



many people do not supervise dog/child interactions



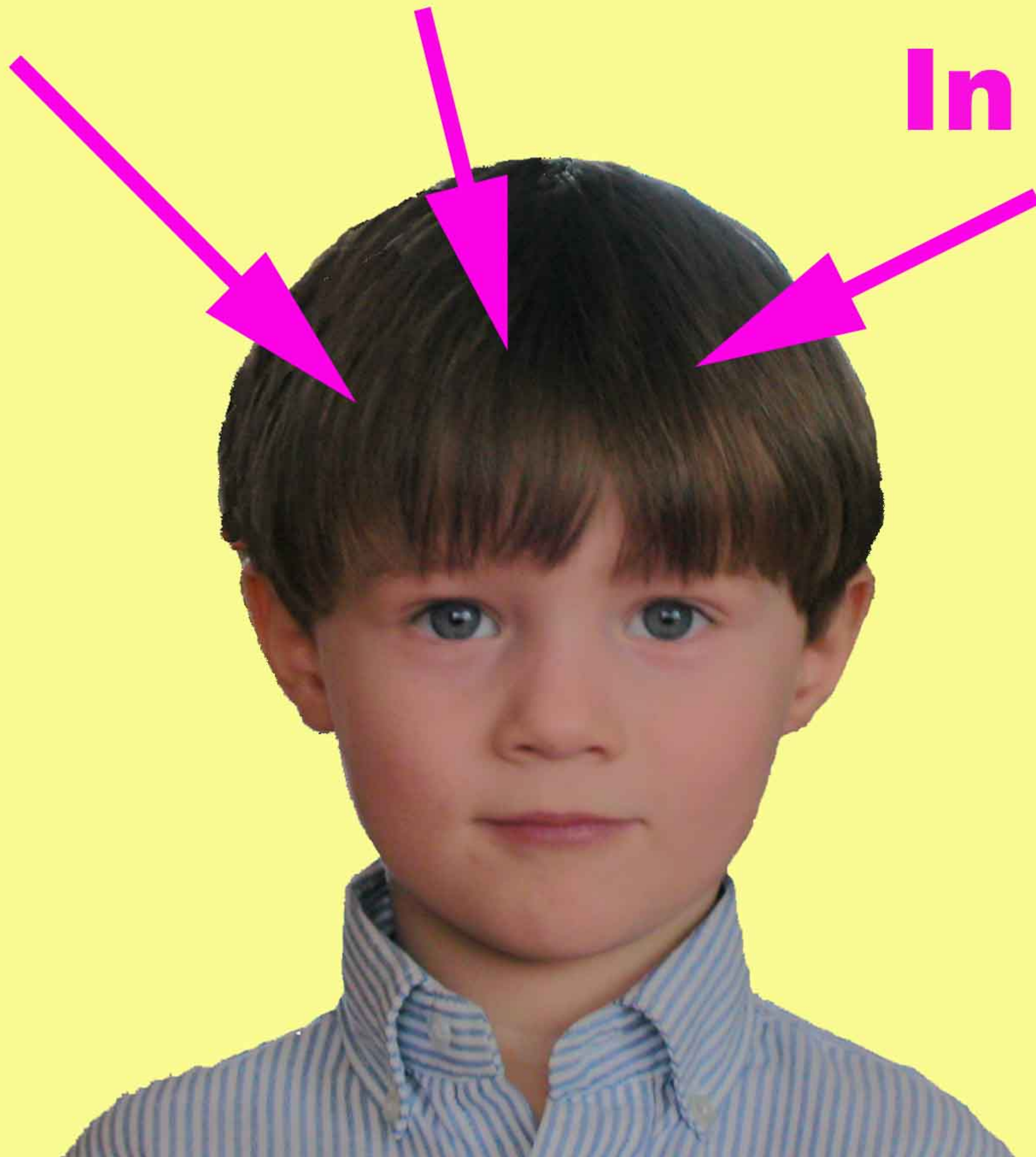
even nice dogs may bite

Your toolbox can help keep you safe.

Where is your Toolbox?

It's in here!!

In here!



Tool #1: Your Body

Use it to "be a tree" if a dog bothers or scares you.



Stop



**Fold in your
branches**



**Watch your roots
grow and count
your breaths in
your head**

See the tool work...

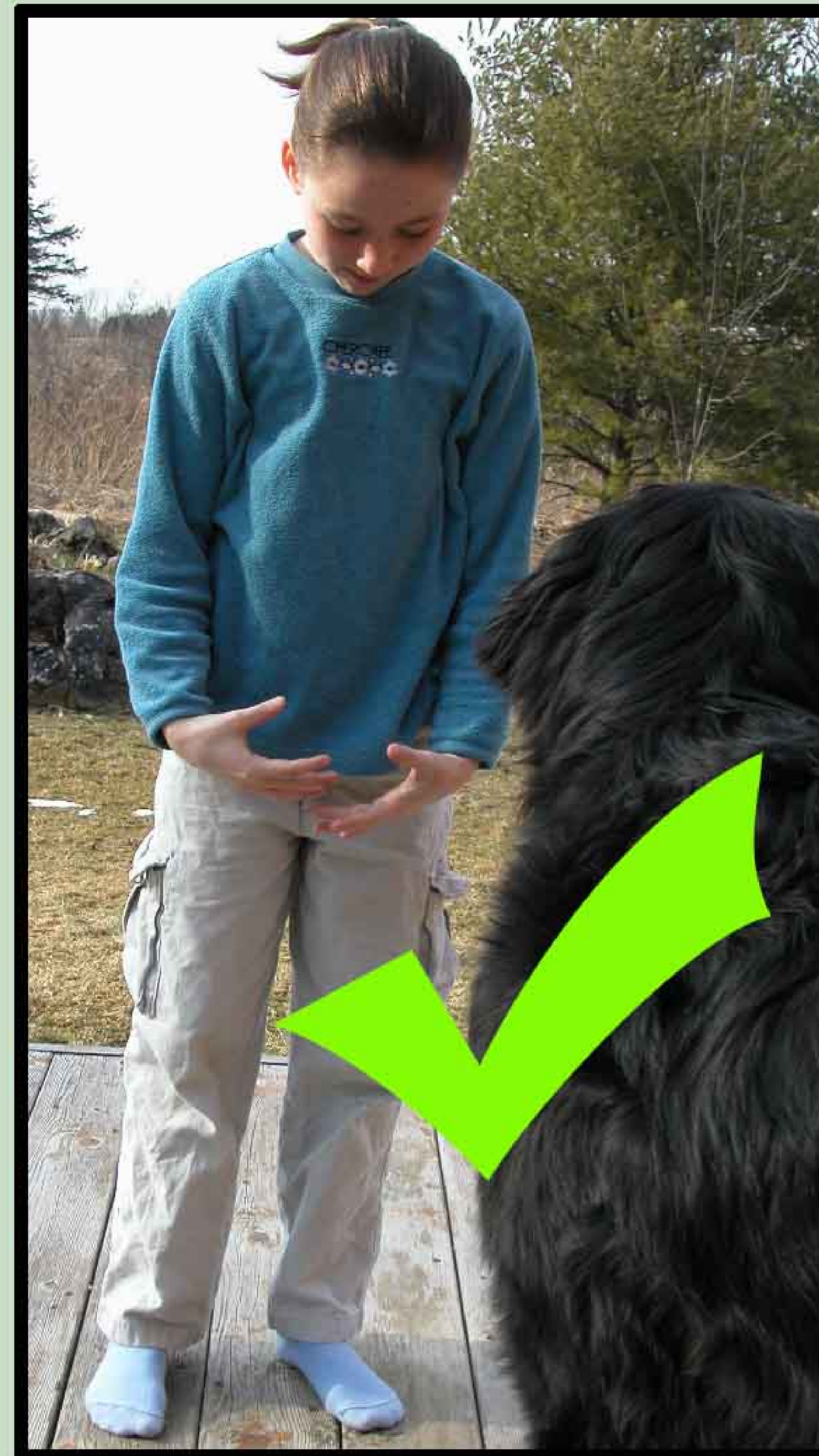


**Hands up.
Dog jumps.**



**Hands draw
dog's head
up toward
face.**

**Hands low.
Dog's head
low.**



**Dog goes
away.**



Try the tool yourself...

**Be a tree so a dog like
this will go away.**



Stop



Fold



**Watch
&
Count**





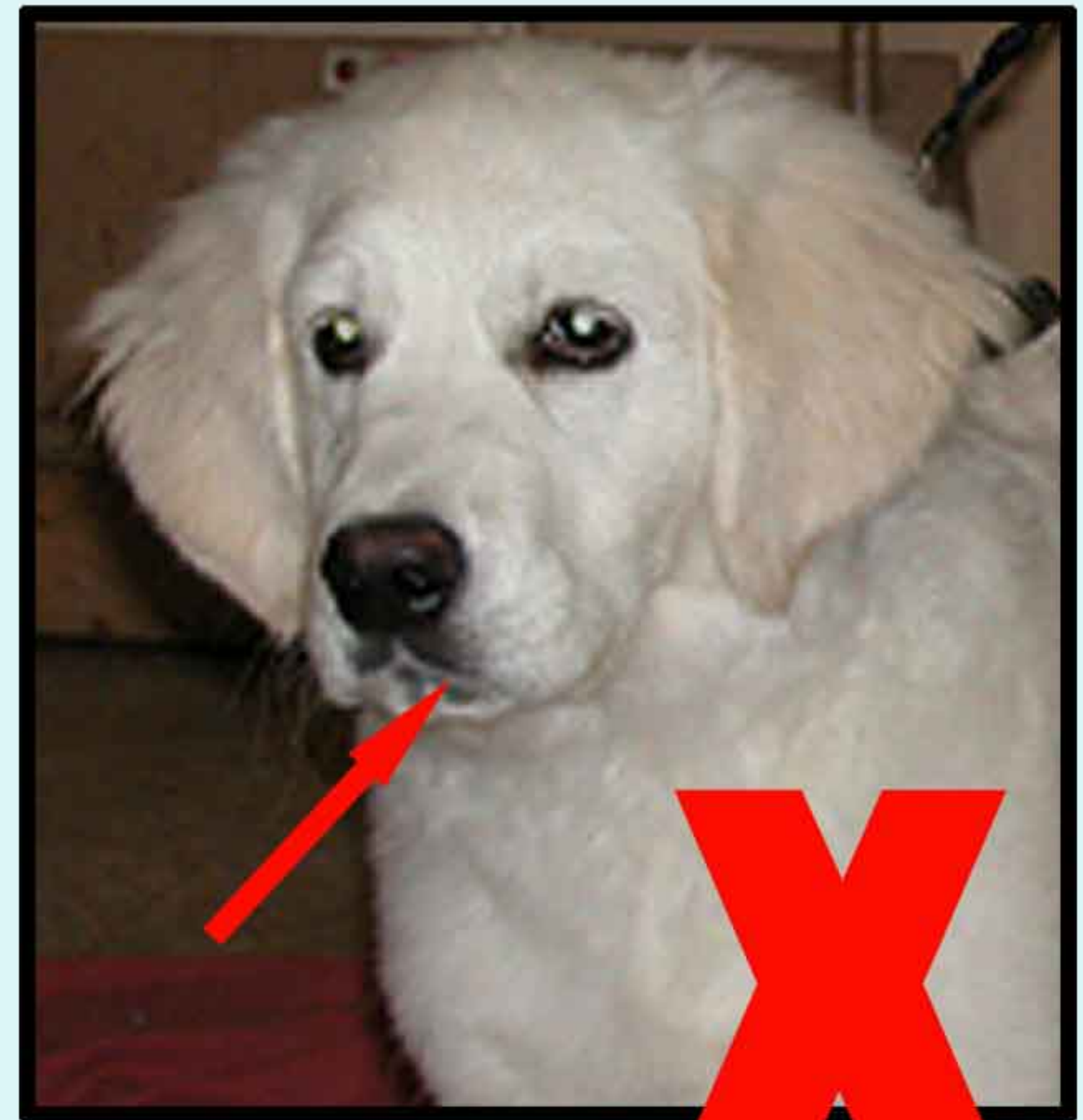
Tool #2: Your Eyes

Use them to look a dog over to see if a dog is safe or dangerous.



Dangerous

**Worried
Interested
Alert**



Safe

**Happy
Relaxed**





Some more examples...





Try the tool yourself...

Are any of these dogs safe to pet?



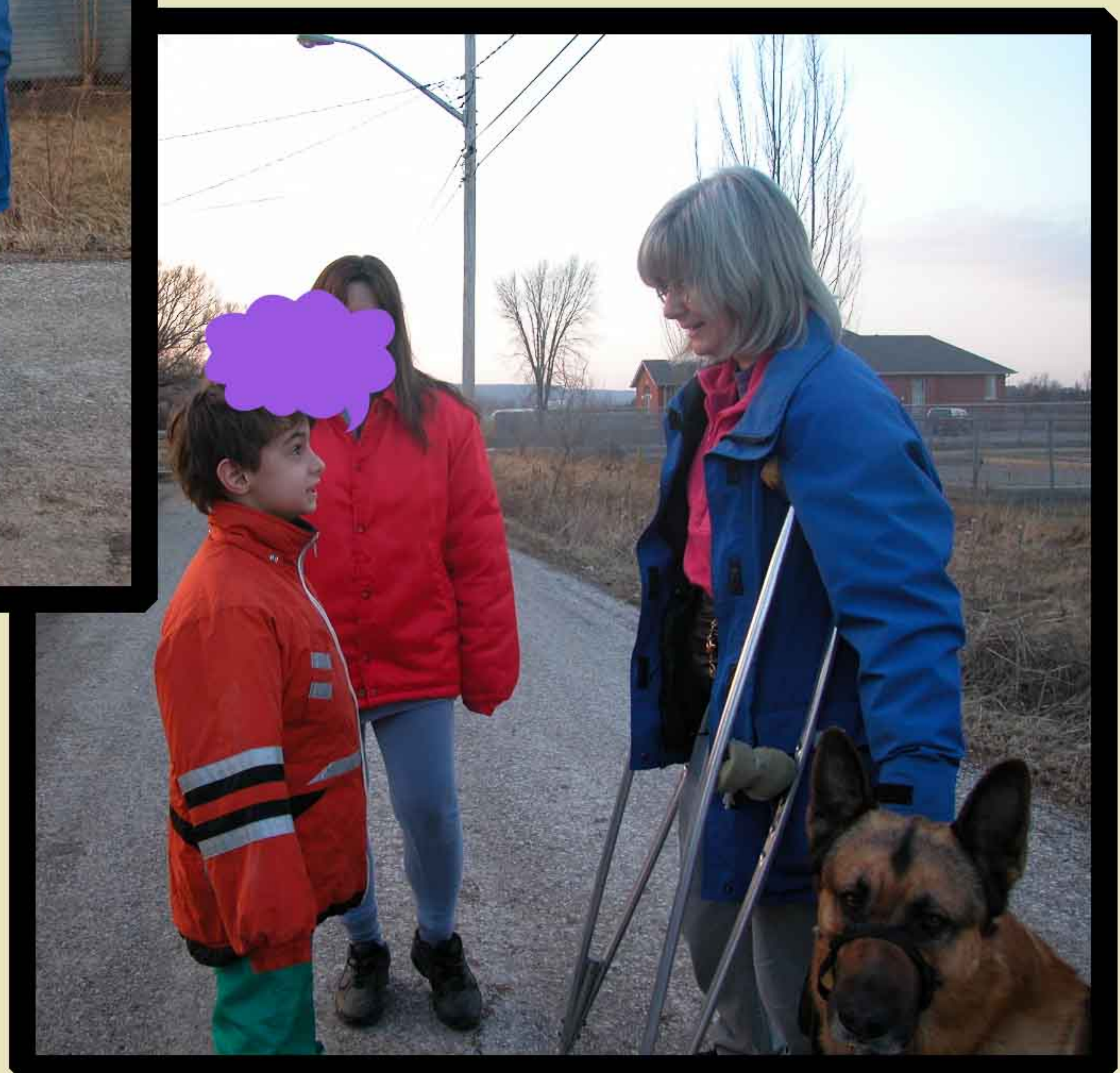


Tool # 3: Your Mouth

Use it to ask for permission or for help.



This boy is asking if he can pet the dog.

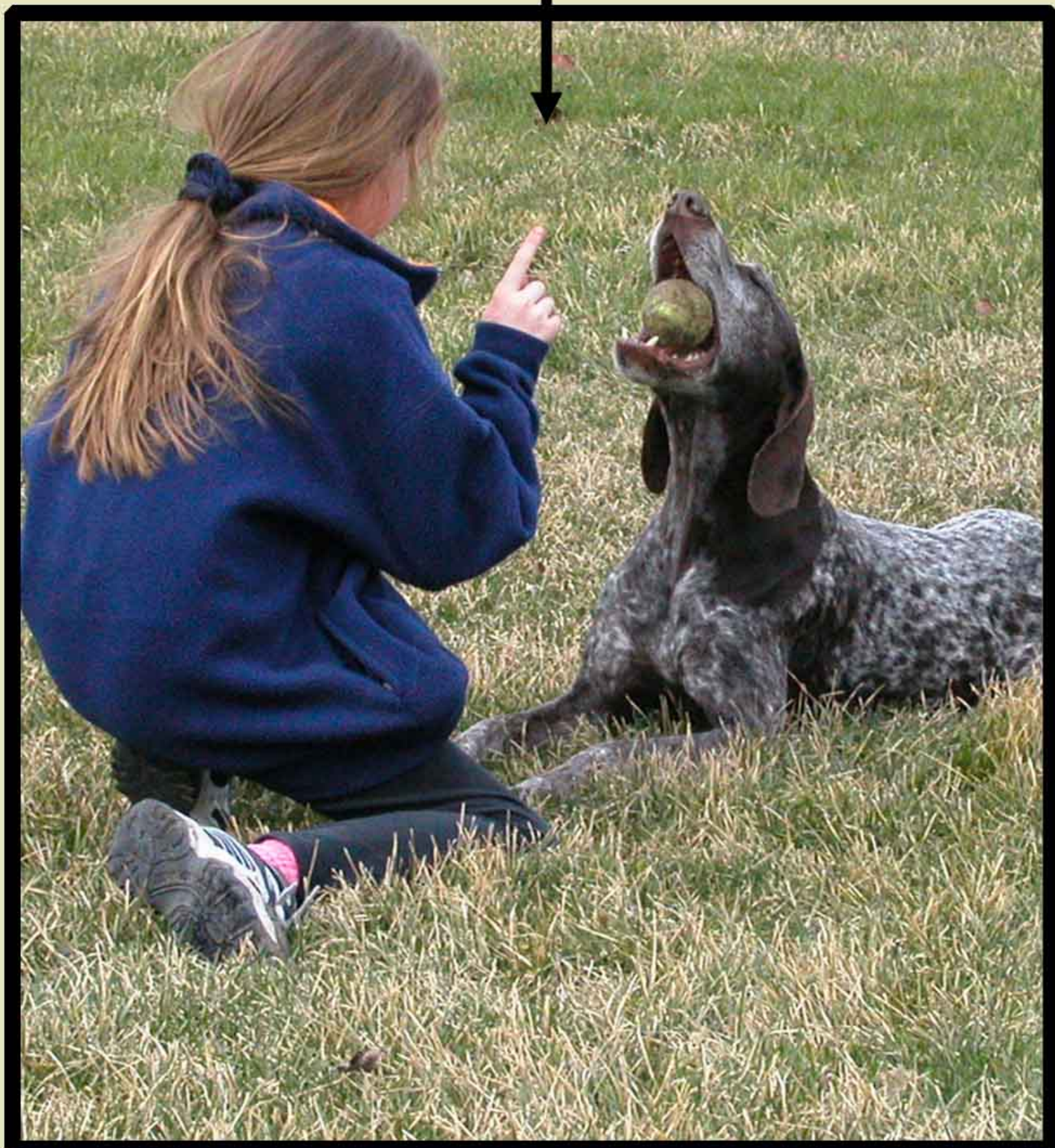


Try the tool yourself...



Who would you ask if you wanted to pat this cute puppy?

Who should this girl ask to help get her ball back?



Tool # 4: Your Legs

Use them to walk away from a dangerous situation when the dog is not loose ("be a tree" if dog is loose).



Other examples...



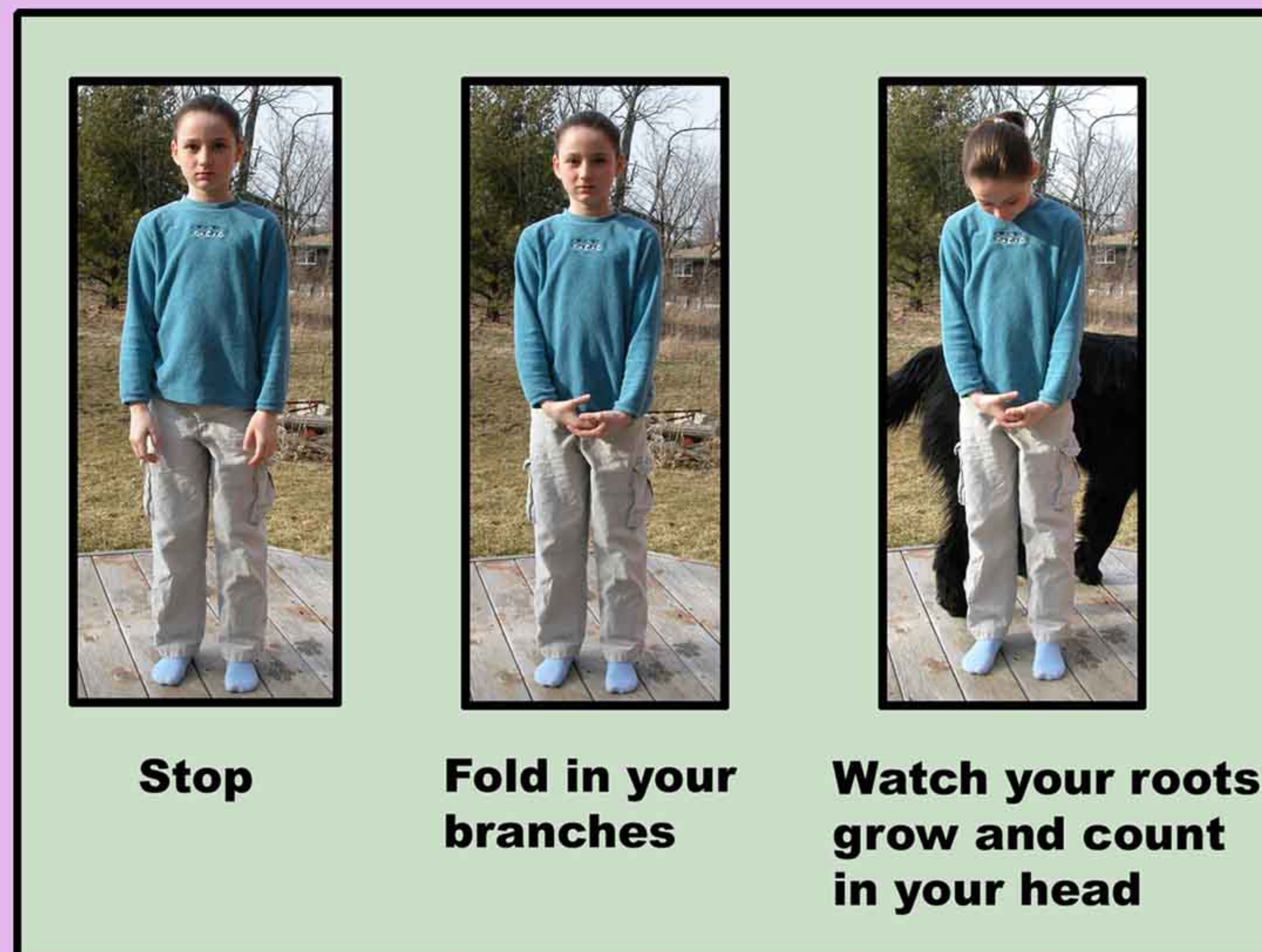
Toolbox Recap



Parents: For more information and resources about child safety around dogs please visit...

www.doggonesafe.com
www.familypaws.com

Teach your kids to read dog body language, respect dogs, show love appropriately and to **Be a Tree** so a dog will go away if any dog is too frisky, is bothering or scaring them.



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