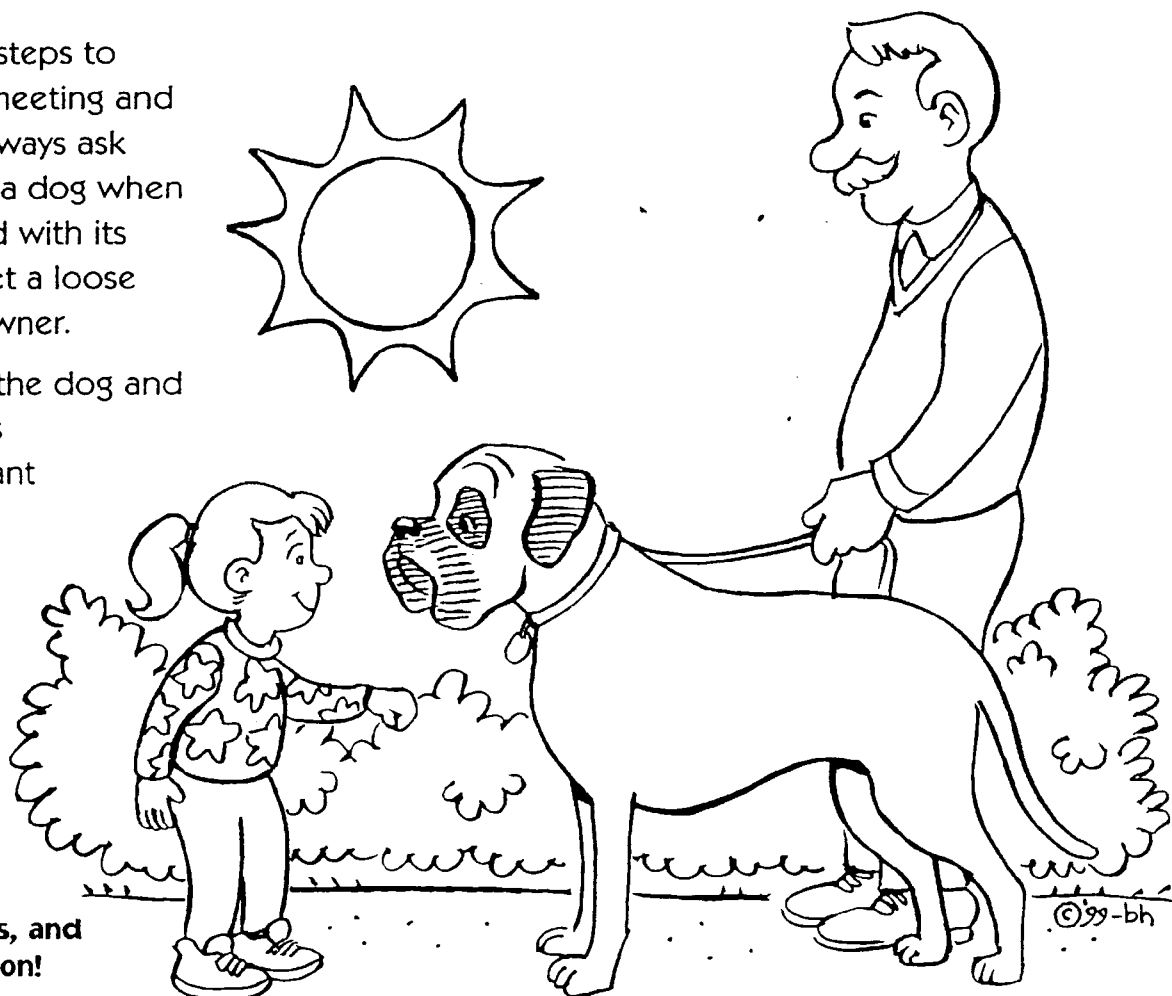


How to Greet a Dog

There are a few steps to remember when meeting and greeting a dog. Always ask permission to pet a dog when it is on a leash and with its owner. Never greet a loose dog without an owner.

Even if you know the dog and are friends with its owner, it's important to remember and follow this plan.



Grab some crayons, and color this illustration!

- 1.** Always walk slowly to the dog's owner to ask if you can pet the dog.
- 2.** It's important to receive permission before petting the dog. If the owner says "no," politely accept the answer, and don't pet the dog.
- 3.** If the owner says "yes," curl your hand into a closed fist with the back of your hand facing upward. Extend your hand slowly to the dog.
- 4.** Allow the dog to sniff the back of your hand. We recognize people on sight; dogs recognize people by their scent. Dogs sniff people to learn their scent.
- 5.** After the dog has sniffed your hand and become familiar with you, pet it gently under the chin or on the chest.



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