

# HOW **NOT** TO GREET A DOG

*Most people do this stuff and it stresses dogs out so they BITE!  
Please show dogs some respect.*



**DON'T**  
Lean over the dog & stick  
your hand in his face

**DON'T**  
Lean over the dog & stick  
your hand on top of his head

**DON'T**  
Grab or Hug him



**DON'T**  
Stare him in the eye  
(This is an adversarial gesture)



**DON'T**  
Squeal or shout in his face



**DON'T**  
Grab his head and kiss it  
(This is an invasion of space)

*Doing this to a dog who doesn't know you is like a perfect stranger giving you a great big hug and kiss in an elevator. Wouldn't that creep you out? And wouldn't you have the right to defend yourself?*

## The correct way:



- \* No Eye contact
- \* Let the dog approach you in his own time
- \* Keep your SIDE towards the dog (non-threatening posture)



- \* Pet or stroke him on the SIDE of his face or body. Or on his back.