



1. Be Safe at All Times

Around Dogs

- Always ask before petting any dog.
- Approach calmly — no running, grabbing, or surprising dogs.
- Follow all safety instructions from volunteers.
- Only interact with dogs that staff say are okay to meet.
- Keep food, toys, and personal items away from program dogs.

General Safety

- Stay in designated activity areas.
 - Listen when an adult is giving directions.
 - Wear closed-toe shoes for events involving dogs or outdoor activities.
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2. Be Kind

- Treat all dogs gently and respectfully.
 - Treat other kids and volunteers with kindness.
 - Use positive words — no teasing, name-calling, or rude behavior.
 - Respect that every dog and every kid learns at a different pace.
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3. Be Responsible

- Participate in activities and follow instructions.
 - Clean up after yourself during crafts, demos, and events.
 - Use supplies and equipment respectfully.
 - Tell an adult right away if you're uncomfortable or unsure.
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4. Respect the Dogs' Needs

- Never force a dog to do anything.
 - Give dogs space when they're tired, nervous, or eating.
 - Keep your voice at a calm, kid-friendly volume.
 - Remember: every dog has feelings and boundaries, just like people.
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5. Stay Engaged

- Try your best in each activity.
 - Ask questions — curiosity is encouraged!
 - Participate in group discussions, demonstrations, and projects.
 - Take pride in being a helper for animals.
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6. Follow Adult Instructions

- Staff and volunteers are here to keep everyone safe.
 - Kids must follow all directions given during lessons, demos, events, and dog meet-and-greets.
 - If a volunteer asks you to pause or stop interacting with a dog, you must do so immediately.
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7. Phones & Personal Items

- Phones and devices should stay put away during activities unless staff allow them.
 - No taking photos of other children without permission.
 - Do not feed or offer treats to any dog unless instructed.
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8. Attendance & Supervision

- Children must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.
 - Parents should notify the program if their child has any allergies, fears, or special needs.
 - Kids must remain in program areas with staff at all times.
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9. Zero-Tolerance Behaviors

To keep everyone safe, the following are **not allowed**:

- Roughhousing with dogs
- Hitting, kicking, or intentionally scaring animals
- Bullying or aggressive behavior toward others
- Ignoring safety rules
- Running off or leaving the activity area
- Disrupting lessons repeatedly

Any unsafe or harmful behavior may result in removal from an activity or the program.

10. Have Fun & Make a Difference!

- Kids for Canines is a place to learn, help animals, make friends, and grow into awesome community helpers.
- Bring your energy, kindness, curiosity, and love for dogs!