

**Inside this brochure
are some tips on how
to be safe
around all pets
And some information
on what to do if your
are bitten**

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Las Cruces Animal Control is to ensure the well being of both animal and residents of our community by delivering high quality, responsive and cost effective animal control service.

Our mission is accomplished by enforcing animal control laws while providing compassionate service to animals and their owners.

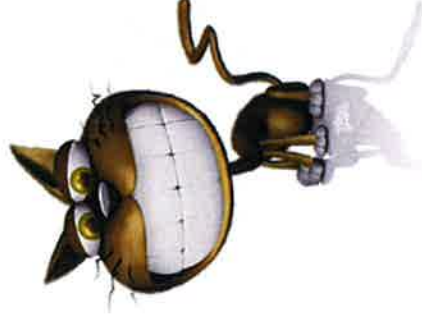
**REMEMBER
These are only
guidelines**

**You should always
use common sense
when around all pets.**



PET SAFETY

(ALL ANIMALS CAN BITE)



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Stay away from an angry or scared pet—even your own!



If a stray dog comes up to you, stay calm & stand still. Don't run away or look directly at the dog! Wait until the dog goes away before you move.



Be gentle when petting a dog or cat. Lightly stroke its back & neck, avoiding the eyes and ears.



Never go near a stray dog or cat.

Never hit, kick, or spank a dog or cat, pull its tail, or otherwise harm it. It may try to hurt you.



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If you are bitten or attacked by a dog or cat, try not to panic.

Immediately wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water

Contact your physician for additional care and advice

Report the bite to your local Animal Control Agency, even if it's your own pet.

Tell the Animal Control Officer everything you know about the cat or dog, including the owners name and address.

If the animal was a stray, tell the Officer what it looked like where the bite occurred and if you have seen it before and what direction it went.

Play gently with your pet. Stop playing if your pet gets too rough.



Always ask the owner of a dog or cat if it is OK to pet it.

Leave dogs and cats alone while they're eating or sleeping.



Avoid newborn puppies or kittens. The mother may fight to protect her babies.



Never try to take away food or treats from a dog or cat—even as a joke.

