

STAY AWAY FROM THE STRAY!



Learning to respect stray pets and wild animals helps keep children safe.

Teach kids to:

- Never touch wild animals.
- Ask before touching someone else's pet.
- Approach slowly and pet an animal gently on its back or side.
- Never grab an animal by the tail, ears or paws.
- Never tease or stare at animals.
- Never touch an animal that is angry, scared or protecting its babies.
- Always tell an adult when approached by a stray.

If approached by a stray or wild animal:

- Act like a tree. Do not run!
- Stand still with hands firmly at your sides.
- Stare straight ahead. Do not look at the animal.
- Never turn away from the animal. Walk away backwards or sideways with the animal in view.

If attacked:

- Act like a rock! Curl up into a ball, facedown.
- Place hands over your ears.
- Throw something for the animal to chase such as a jacket or backpack.