If you are bitten by a dog, report it to the appropriate health department immediately.

In Columbus and Worthington, please call:
Columbus Public Health
614-645-6134

All other areas of Franklin County, please call:
Franklin County Board of Health
614-462-3160

Don't Invite A Bite!

This reminder is brought to you by:

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A Guide to Dog Bite Safety

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You Can Prevent Dog Bites!

If you own a dog, keep it securely confined on your property so it can’t escape.

If your dog is off your property, have it on a leash at all times.

Never approach a dog that you do not know, no matter how “nice” it looks.

If a strange dog approaches you, don’t scream. Avoid direct eye contact with the dog. Try and remain motionless until the dog leaves, then back away slowly until the dog is out of sight.

If you encounter a strange dog, do not run! A dog’s natural instinct is to chase and catch prey. If you run, you are encouraging the dog to chase you.

If you see a stray dog running loose, call the Department of Animal Care and Control at 614-462-3400.

For information on dog laws, locating a lost dog, and adopting a dog, please visit www.franklincountydogs.com

Hundreds of dog bites are reported in Franklin County each year. Many of these result in serious injuries to children. Please help prevent dog bites to you and your neighbors by following these tips...

Remember to always keep your dogs immunized by a licensed veterinarian to protect against rabies.