



Program Profile – Be a Tree™

Concepts Covered

- “Be a tree” if a strange dog approaches or any dog is threatening or frightening
- What a safe dog looks like
- What a dangerous dog looks like
- How to interact safely with a dog
- How to meet a dog safely
- How dogs talk with their tails and other body language
- How dogs warn in subtle ways that they want to be left alone
- Understand what constitutes dangerous behaviour around dogs
- Don't talk to strangers even if they have a cute dog or have lost their dog



Be a Tree

1. Stop
2. Fold your branches
3. Watch your roots grow
4. Count in your head until help comes

No live dogs are used in the program

The Be A Tree program is fun and terrific. The kids and teachers loved it..

Jennifer Shryock – Dog Bite Prevention Educator and Dog Behavior Specialist – Family Paws
www.familypaws.com

I believe your program [Be a Tree] is the best dog bite prevention program available.

Sherri Utter – Retired Elementary School Teacher, Animatch Volunteer

Teaching methods used in the Be a Tree Program:

- Modelling – presenter will demonstrate safe ways to act around dogs
- Role playing – presenter will help students act out safe responses to scenarios involving dogs
- Simon Says – presenter will play Simon Says to illustrate safe vs dangerous actions
- Visual learning – students will see photos and learn to interpret dog body language
- Conditioning – students will practice “being trees” numerous times during the program
- Tool box concept –students will fill their “tool box” with the tools to help them stay safe
- Positive reinforcement – students are set up to succeed and will be praised (everyone receives something to take home)

Program details:

- Cost is \$150.00 per session – cash or cheque payable to Doggone Safe!
- Program lasts for 45 minutes (can be adapted to 30-60 minutes)
- Lots of audience participation and physical activity – all kids participate regardless of the number
- Lots of large size photos to illustrate dog body language
- Maximum group size 100 students

Knowledge Empowers Children to Make Safe Choices Around Dogs