Did you know over 800,000 Americans seek medical attention each year for dog bites?

**Why do dog bites occur?**
1. If a dog is sick or ill, they may bite because they are in pain.
2. A dog that is stressed may become frightened - this can lead to fearful bites.
3. A dog may bite a child who tries to touch or hug them, take their toys or interfere with their sleep.

**PREVENTION**
Ask permission from owner before approaching a dog. Respect an owner who tells you not to approach. Do not leave young children unattended with dogs, and teach them the right way to respectfully interact with dogs.