HOW NOT TO GREET A DOG

Most people do this stuff and it stresses dogs out so they BITE! I don’t care how cute you (or your kid) think Boogie is. Please show him some respect.

1. DON’T Lean over the dog & stick your hand in his face
   - Sniff, doggie, sniff!
   - WTF

2. DON’T Lean over the dog & stick your hand on top of his head
   - AW! Pat pat cute doggie
   - I am a very tolerant dog...

3. DON’T Grab or Hug him
   - Puppy!
   - AAAARGH

4. DON’T Stare him in the eye
   - OOOH! Look at his eyes!!
   - Yikes, potentially dangerous human

5. DON’T Squeal or shout in his face
   - AAAAAH!! You are sooo adorable!!!
   - Oh no

6. DON’T Grab his head and kiss it
   - There is only one thing left to do
   - Kiss!

Doing this to a dog who doesn’t know you is like a perfect stranger giving you a great big hug and kiss in an elevator. Wouldn’t that creep you out? And wouldn’t you have the right to defend yourself?

THE CORRECT WAY:

* No Eye contact
* Let the dog approach you in his own time
* Keep either your SIDE or BACK towards the dog (non-threatening posture)
* Pet or stroke him on the SIDE of his face or body. Or on his back.

Where’s my treat?