Some Do's and Don'ts on Handling Pets and other Animals

Wash your hands well with soap and water after playing with your pet (especially turtles)

Don't kiss your pet on the mouth or lips

If you have an open cut, don't let your pet lick it

Don't try to catch your pet by the tail

Never let your pet follow you to school

Be gentle with your pet

Don't stick your fingers in cages, you may get bitten

When your dog is 4 months old, it must be vaccinated against rabies. Your dog must have a license. This will help you find him if he gets lost

Don't try to break up a dog or cat fight by grabbing one of the animals (Dousing with water is safer)

If you are bitten by an animal:

A. Wash the bite with soap and water

B. Go to the doctor

C. Report the bite <u>immediately</u> to ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL at 1-800-472-5609 or the local Sheriff's Dept.

Don't disturb your pet while he is eating or asleep

If your pet just had babies, <u>stay away</u>! The mother will try to protect them

Don't try to play with vicious animals. Some animals are taught to be vicious by their masters

Don't touch your pet if it is hurt. It will be scared and may bite you!

Don't try to make friends with stray animals. They may have a disease

The following animals are considered dangerous because of rabies:

Dogs	Raccoons
Skunks	Cats
Foxes	Coyotes
Bats	Badgers
Bobcats	

Wild animals don't make good pets

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