# KIDS & DOGS



# DOG & CHILD IN DAILY LIFE

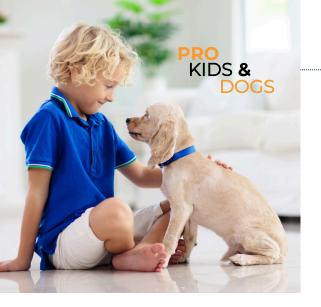
In families where children and dogs live together, a lot of attention and knowledge is required from parents. Children often have their own ideas about how to interact with the dog. It is important to bear in mind that, depending on the age of the child, it cannot be expected that they will interpret the dog's behaviour correctly and react accordingly. It can therefore be dangerous if the coexistence of child and dog is not well supervised. Parents should always be vigilant, especially with small children, as certain movement patterns of children can trigger hunting behaviour in the dog. Biting incidents with children in particular can have serious consequences. As children and dogs often meet at eye level, there is a risk that the bite will affect the child's face or head. It is therefore very important to prevent such incidents



**BITE INCIDENTS** 

ca. 80%	with own/well-known dog
ca. 30%	during play with the dog





# **PREVENTION PROTECTS ALL**

Fortunately, there is good news: almost all biting incidents are preventable! Training, advising and supporting families in the correct handling of dogs is the best prevention to minimise the risk of accidents and lay the foundations for harmonious coexistence. Life with dogs can be enriching for children. They learn to take responsibility and how to treat a living creature with love.





# PROMOTING TOGETHER. GROW TOGETHER. AVOID RISKS.

Nevertheless, the guarantee for the well-being of both lies with the parents. The younger the child, the more important it is to protect it. Ideally, parents should seek advice from a competent dog trainer before and during the purchase of a dog. Even if there is already a dog in the family and a baby is expected, it makes sense to prepare the dog for the new life situation with the help of a trainer before the birth.



PROFESSIONAL ADVICE + CAREFUL INFORMATION

## HELPS



 Minimise risks to
 counteract false expectations and claims





# OFFERS & KNOWLEDGE FOR PARENTS AND INSTITUTIONS

Members of ProHunde<sup>®</sup> support you in all matters relating to children and dogs. Our network offers a wide range of training courses and events. Among others:

#### for facilities

- Visits to kindergartens over 3 years old
- Visits to schools Project
- days or project weeks

#### for families

- Individual training
- Dog-child courses
- Counselling BEFORE the dog
  arrives
- Counselling for dog and baby

Comprehensive knowledge about dogs, their behaviour and how to handle them appropriately can prevent accidents and contribute to a harmonious coexistence between children and dogs.

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