SUPTIE SAFE COMICS

FEATURING CAPTAIN SUPER SAFE IN BEWARE!

THAT DOG MIGHT BITE!
A Letter to all Pet Lovers:

The Connecticut Humane Society has been serving the community for almost 130 years. Although our programs have evolved to keep up with the times, three key messages have remained constant throughout the decades.

Adopt, Adopt, Adopt. Too many wonderful animals become homeless every year. Only half make it into a safe and loving new home. Be a part of the solution to this nationwide problem and adopt your next pet. You will be saving two lives the pet you take home and the pet awaiting a cage in the shelter.

Spay and neuter your pets. You will have a direct impact on the pet overpopulation problem and you will be acting in the best interests of your pet and community. Pets who have been spayed or neutered live longer, healthier lives and tend to have fewer behavior problems.

Report cruelty and neglect to local authorities. They have the jurisdiction to enforce the laws that are designed to protect animals. If we remain silent, nothing can be done. Lead by setting the example. This can do so much more than words alone!

For more information on the Connecticut Humane Society visit www.othumane.org or call 1-800-452-0114.

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As night falls, a young boy sits in bed listening to the night...
The next morning...

Aww you are so cute, not like that wolf from last night.
Malcolm STOP!

What's wrong Captain Super Safe? It's just a little dog?

That's right but a little dog has teeth and can bite just like a big dog. You should never try to pet any dog that's not your own. You need to ask the owner and wait for the owner to say that it is okay.
Think smart... Be super safe... Be a safety star.

Malcolm, you look a little tired, didn’t you get any sleep last night?

I didn’t sleep all night, I kept hearing this growling and barking of a wolf or something and he was looking right up at me through my window.
Remember Malcolm, just like that little dog you saw on your way here, never approach a stray dog, a dog not on a leash. Get an adult and they will call animal control. It is the job of animal control to take loose dogs off the street.

What do I do if the dog tries to get me?

First, don’t scream. Stand still, cross your arms over your chest and don’t turn your back to the dog. Stay like this until the dog leaves or start to back away slowly. Also, don’t stare into the dog’s eyes or they might think you want to fight them.

As far as the dog or wolf that you saw last night, don’t worry, I’ll make sure that I take a look around. If I find any stray dogs I’ll call the animal control officer.
The school day ends...
GRRRRR
woof! woof!

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I need to stand still, cross my arms over my chest, and not look the dog in the eyes...
Hey Malcolm, I have some good news for you.

Oh man I thought you were that wolf behind me!
Well you did a great job standing still like that, if I had been a dog I probably would have just sniffed you and kept going.

Did you find the wolf?
That is what I wanted to tell you. He wasn’t a wolf, just a big dog. We found him a few minutes ago.
The animal control officer is taking the poor dog to the animal hospital. When we found him, he was hurt. It looks like he had been hit by a car.

It's a good thing that you didn't run into him because when an animal is hurt, even if they are normally good natured, they could bite or attack you.

Do you think we could go see the dog at the hospital? Maybe tomorrow after the doctors have had time to fix him up, okay?
The next day...

I’m sure that would be okay, let me get him out of his crate.

Can I pet him?

If it’s okay with my mom and dad, can I keep him when he gets better?

Well if nobody comes to claim him, you could adopt him. If you take him home we’ll want you to go to a dog training class to make sure that the dog understands some basic commands like sit, stay, no, and down.
You aren't so scary, now that I know you.
Beware!

That dog might bite!
Beware! That Dog Might Bite!

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Tips:
Do not bother any dog that is sleeping, eating, or caring for puppies, if disturbed they might bite.
Do not pet a dog without allowing it to see and sniff you first.
Stay away from stray animals and call animal control.
Young children should always be supervised by an adult when they are with animals.

For Bites:
If an animal bites you, let an adult know right away.
Get medical attention and report the bite to your health department and animal control.
An animal that bites a person needs to be checked for tags and should be taken to a veterinarian for evaluation and to check for rabies.

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