

Chapter 1 - Kids & Dogs: You Can Conquer the Chaos



Kids and dogs. They go together like apple pie and vanilla ice cream or cookies and milk. We expect kids and dogs to get along great and be best buddies. So we might wonder why anyone would need a book about living with kids and dogs.

Once you try having both under the same roof, you know the truth: living with kids and dogs in the same household is not always easy. And most books aren't much help. Parenting books say "control your dog." Dog-training books say "control your kid." The reality is far more complex and goes way beyond placing blame on either children or dogs for being who they are.

~ Every year, nearly 2.8 million children are bitten by a dog. Boys are bitten nearly twice as often as girls, and children between 5 and 9 years old are the most at risk. Most of these bites come from a dog that belongs to the family or a friend. ~

Parents can do a lot to foster a strong, loving relationship between their children and their dog. It's simply a matter of education. We do the best we can with what we know. When we know more, we do better. Let's do better!