



CHILD SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMME



Be Safe ...
Stay Safe ...



The New Zealand Institute of Animal Control Officers proudly provides a child safety awareness programme. Our aim is to provide school children with the safety skills and knowledge to keep themselves safe around dogs, now and in the future.





Dear Educator

Re: **FREE DOG SAFETY PRESENTATION**

Frightening statistics from last year suggest that more people than ever are being bitten or rushed by dogs each day in New Zealand.

The Christchurch City Council Animal Control Education Team has developed an educational programme around dog safety and has kindly gifted this programme free of charge to the New Zealand Institute of Animal Control Officers (Inc) or NZIACO. The NZIACO has adopted and endorsed this programme making it available to all Warranted Animal Control Officers/Rangers to present to primary schools throughout New Zealand free of charge. This programme is designed to help keep your students safe and less likely to become a statistic.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to take part in our newly enhanced and interactive presentation. This has been updated to align more closely with the 2007 New Zealand Curriculum's visions, values and principles and contributes to helping schools achieve the following objectives in Levels One and Three of the Health and Physical Education curriculum:

- Strand A (3) Safety Management – identify risks and their causes and describe safe practices to manage these.
- Strand D (1) Community Resources – Identify and discuss obvious hazards in their local environment (i.e. dogs) and adopt simple safety practices.

There will be students in your school who have never had contact with a dog previously, or have had an unpleasant experience. The NZIACO aims to have an officer visit every school in New Zealand to educate and inform students on how to avoid being bitten by dogs and the correct way to approach a dog that they do not know. The visit offers insights into the daily routine of an Animal Control Officer and the basic responsibilities of a dog owner. Also included is the opportunity of interaction with a real dog in a safe context, although the programme can offer alternatives to those who are afraid of dogs.

These presentations are available throughout the school year. The Years 1-4 junior talk should take approximately 40 minutes, and the Years 5-8 senior talk should take approximately 45 minutes. Please note that parents are most welcome to attend.

As you can appreciate, when it comes to safety messages we believe reinforcement of the key messages is important. At this time, your new intakes will not have had the opportunity to learn the essential skills to handle themselves around dogs. Giving them the opportunity to learn safe correct techniques from a member of the Animal Control Team is a responsible and proactive way to help these students overcome their fear and anxiety. A regularly scheduled presentation in alternate years could be an excellent way to ensure all your students get the safety messages and keep themselves safe from potential dog attacks.

If you require more information, please feel free to contact me during normal business hours. Enclosed is the registration form you can scan and email to me at your convenience. I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely

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ANIMAL CONTROL EDUCATION TEAM PRESENTATION BOOKING SHEET

School:

Address:

Contact Phone:

Contact Person:

Date preferred for presentation Thursday/Friday:

Times preferred for presentation: Junior:

No of students:

Senior:

No of students:

****Please note ideal number of children per talk is 60-75 (2-3 classes)**

Location of presentation (ie: Hall, Library, Classroom):

Do you have a computer with projector, screen and speaker system available for the presentation? Yes / No

Thank you for participating with this program. One of our team members will contact you to confirm the above details. And we look forward to visiting your school.



Please complete this form and return to:

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