"Stay Safe!"

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A dog safety coloring book

For your child

Buddha says "Stay safe, kids!"

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Parents Page

Children represent the highest risk group for dog bites annually. About 90% of dogs that bite do so when they are stressed and frightened. Without extensive dog experience many people do not recognize fear in dogs.

In two studies published in 2014 researchers showed that among dog owners, 60% recognized fear. Only 35 % of non-owners recognized fear. Worse yet, 17% misunderstood fearful dogs as being happy.[1]

Please sit down with your child and go through this workbook together. Learn how to recognize when a dog is stressed or fearful and help your children understand. If you have already taught your children about traffic safety and the meaning of traffic signal light colors, this workbook will help your children apply the same meaning to dogs.

A common strategy in the face of a fearful or agitated dog is to:

- Stop where you are
- Stand still
- Be silent
- Do not stare at the dog

Dogs soon lose interest in the person and go away. This works because a fearful or agitated dog is easily triggered to bite when they are approached, detect movement, hear the person shout or scream, or face direct eye contact.

Additional Resources:

Doggone Safe

http://www.doggonesafe.com/

Prevent the Bite

http://www.preventthebite.com/

Family Paws Parent Education

http://familypaws.com/

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[1] "Fear Itself" by Linda P. Case, MS. The Whole Dog Journal, Vol. 17, No. 12, December 2014.

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Let's Learn How to Stay Safe with Dogs!

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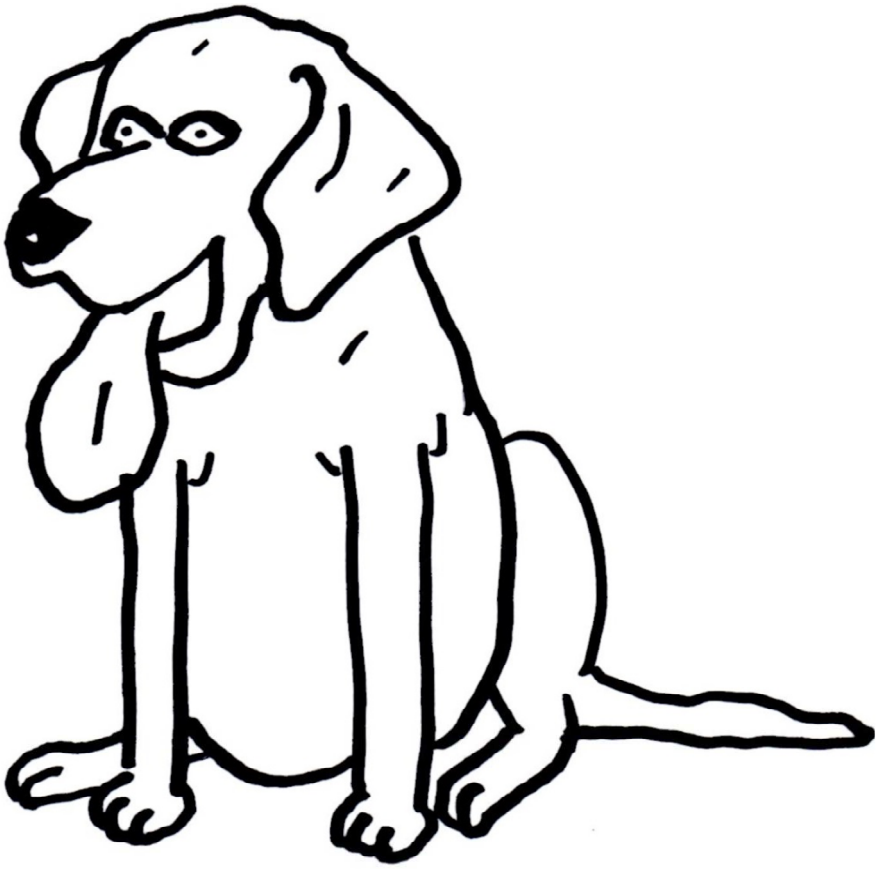
Did you know that you can look at a dog and see whether it is safe to approach, or whether it is best to stop and be like a statue? Dogs that are very excited or upset will get bored if we are quiet and calm, and do not move. We can even avoid looking at them so they don't react to us.

Let's explore this great activity book filled with coloring pages, word puzzles, mazes, interactive stories and even a secret code! Can you solve the puzzles, work out the meaning of the code, and show your parents how you can be safe with dogs?

Are you ready to get started? Buddha will

teach you how to stay safe with his friends.



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Remember Your Safety Colors!

RED

Stop! This dog is not safe.

Stand like a statue.

YELLOW

Stop! Be very careful. Let this dog choose whether to approach you.

Stand like a statue.

GREEN

This dog is safe.

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STOP!

Put your hands on your stomach

Look down at your feet

Be boring…

Wait for the dog to go away

If you are on the ground

Roll up like a rock

Be boring

Wait for the dog to go away

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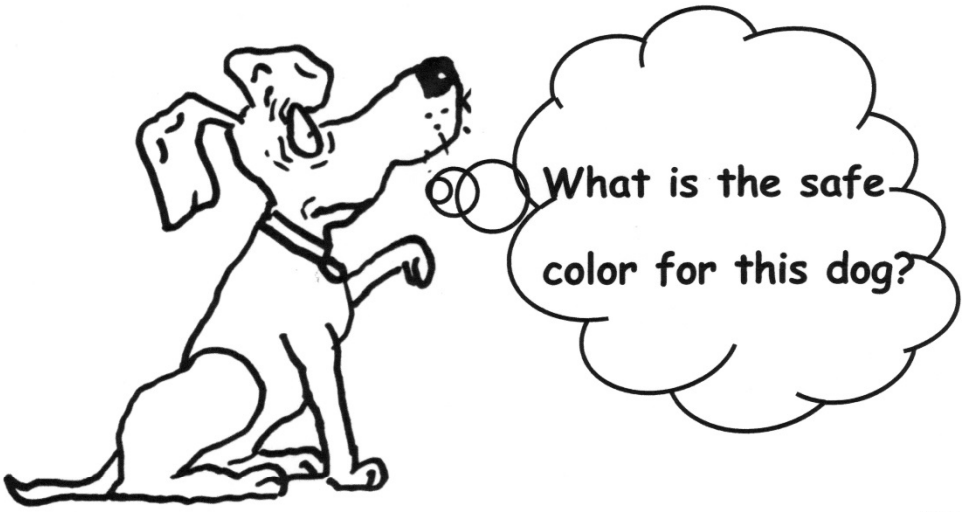

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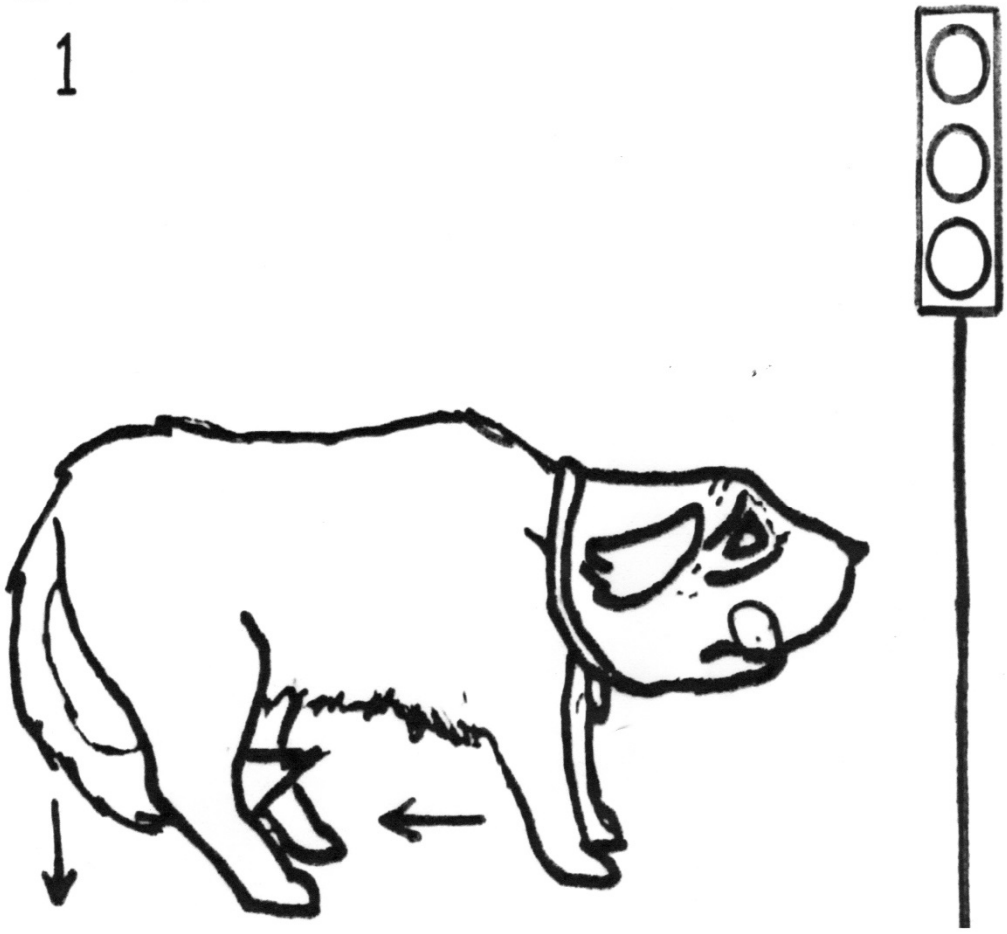

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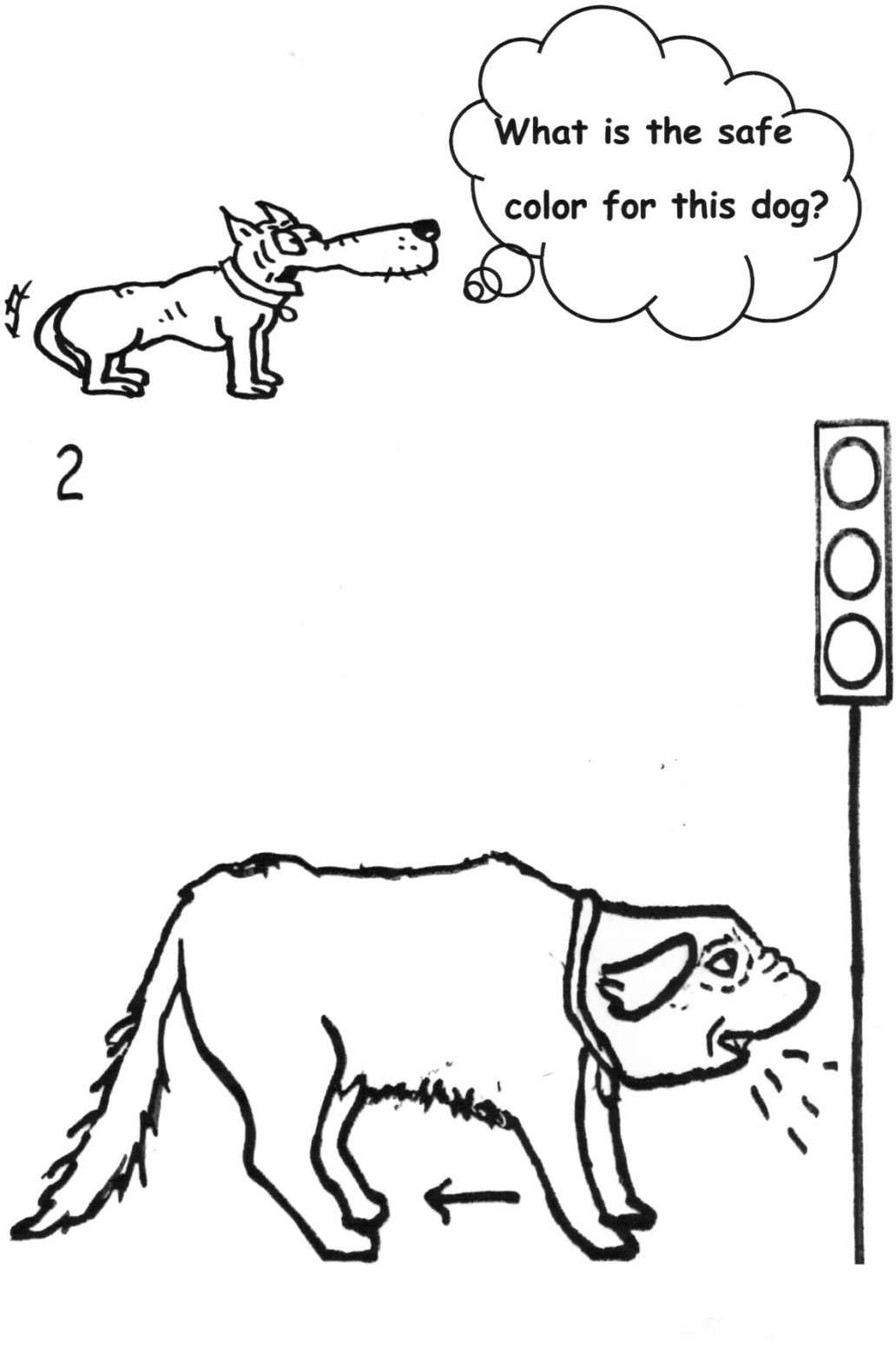

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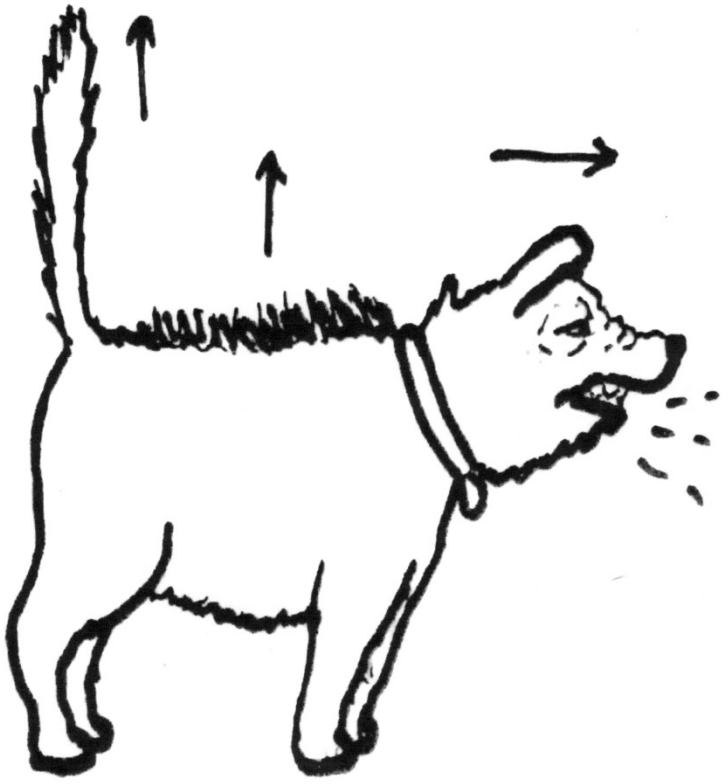

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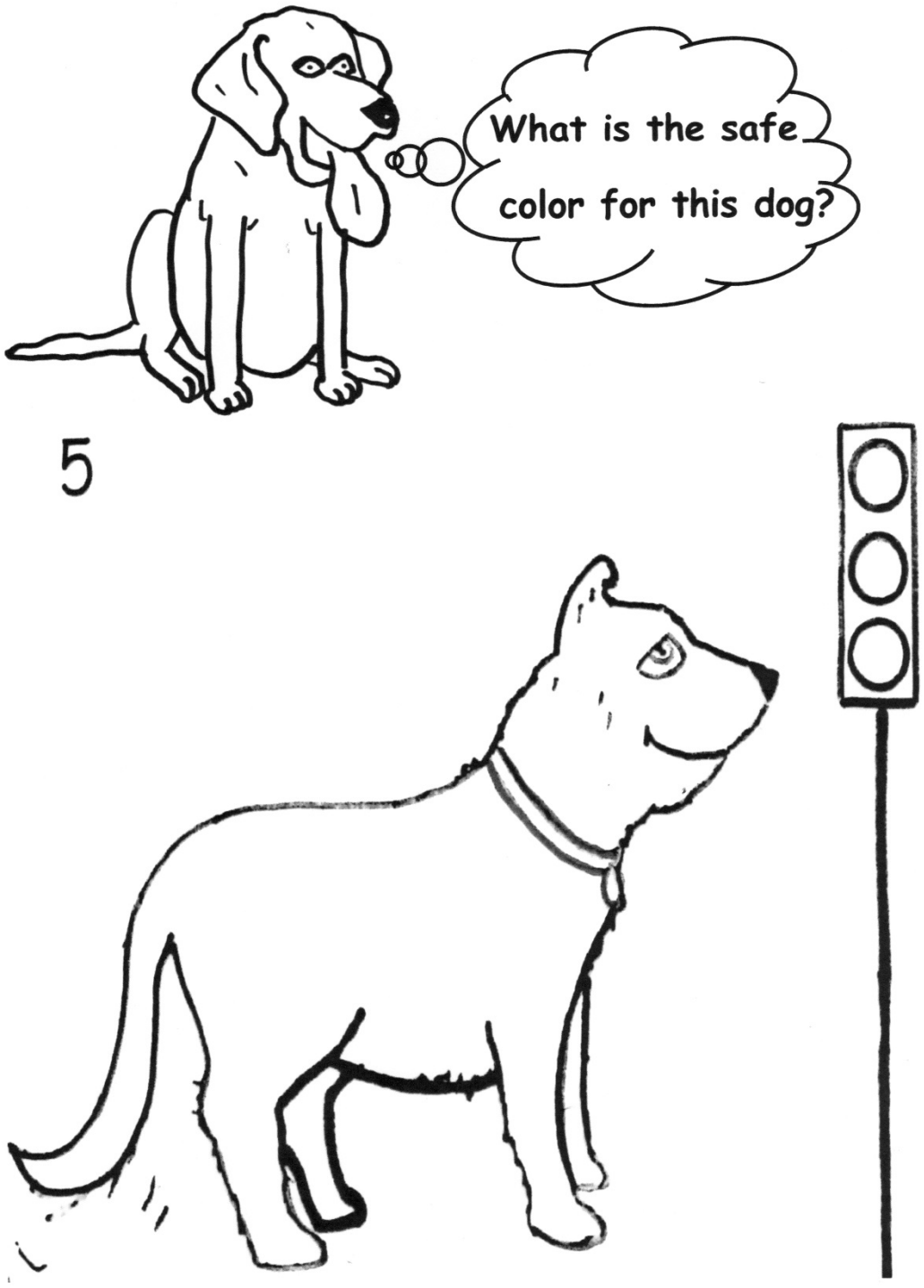

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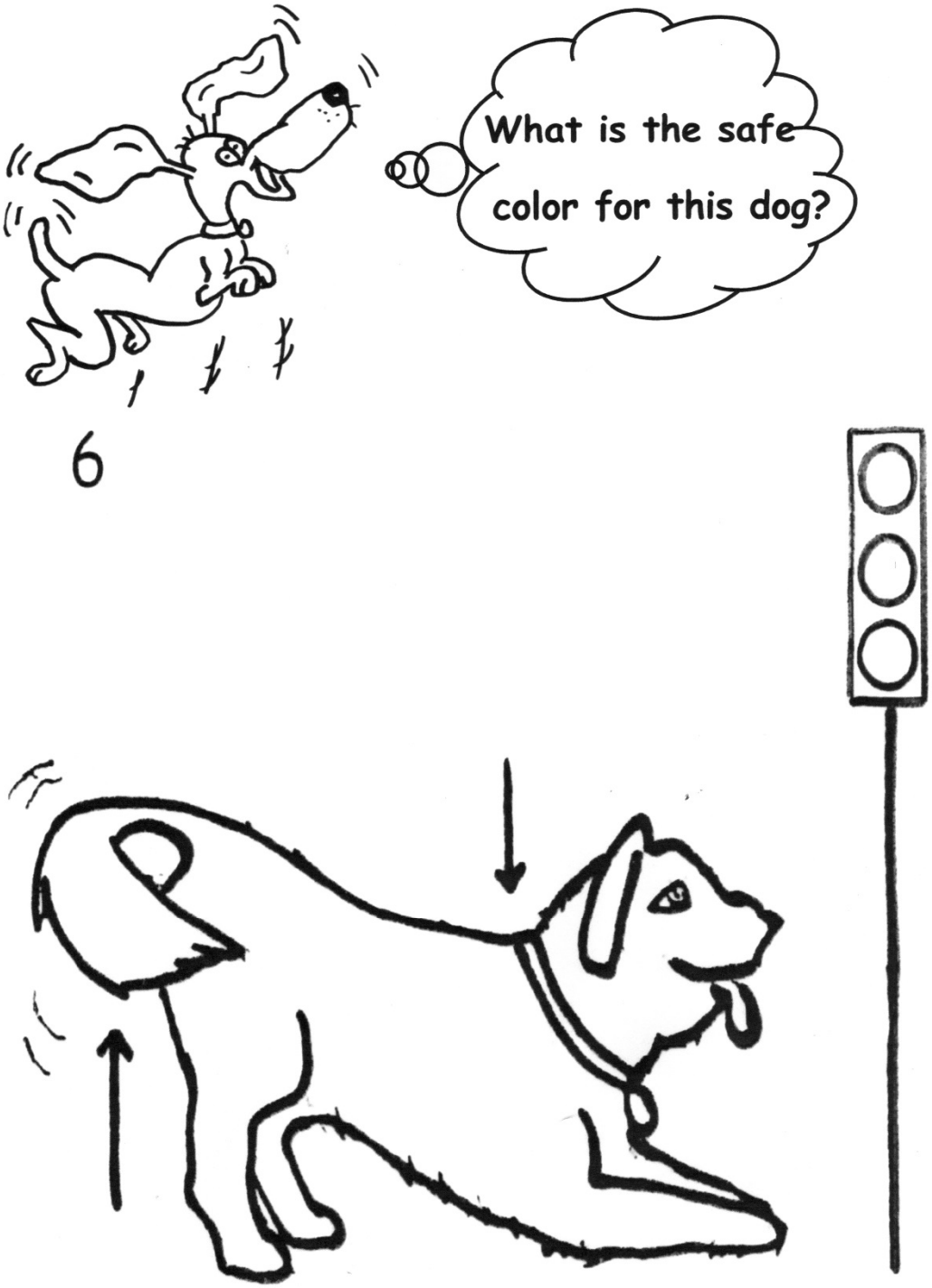

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"How well did you read the dogs?"

Number 1 is RED

He is pretty worried and is saying "Please stay away from me!"

Number 2 is RED

He is upset and prepared to defend himself, if you approach him.

Number 3 is RED

Notice how large and threatening he looks. Stay away!

Number 4 is YELLOW

He is pretty cautious and needs time to decide whether he is safe, so stop and wait.

Number 5 is GREEN

He is relaxed and would like to meet you.

Number 6 is GREEN

He is being silly and playful.

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Word Match

Think about how Buddha teaches you to stay safe with dogs and then match words from the left column with words in the right column.

Example

GREEN

YELLOW

RED

AGGRESSIVE

CALM

EATING

FRIENDLY

NOT SURE?

SCARED

SLEEPING

TIED-OUT

VERY EXCITED!

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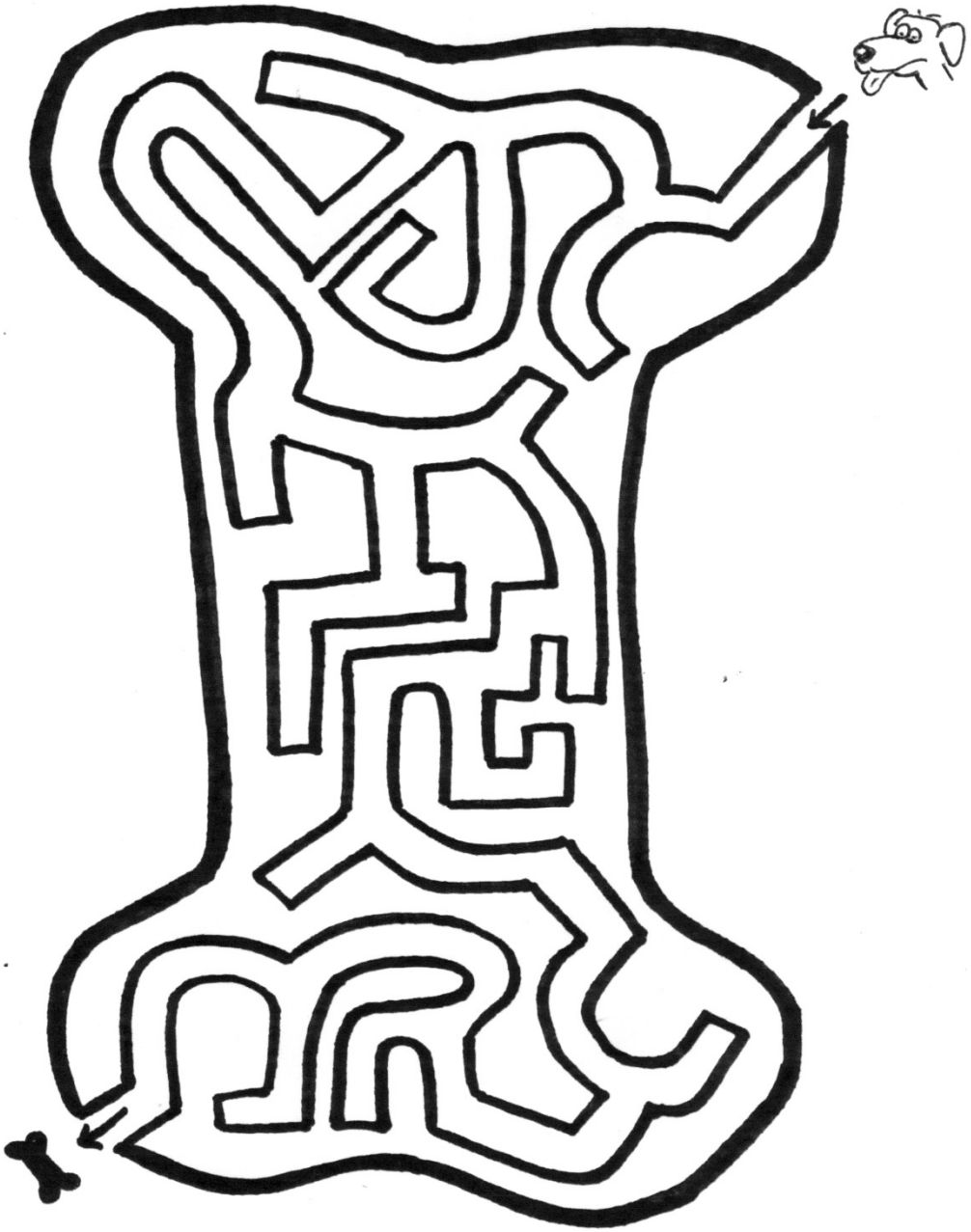
Bone Search

Buddha buried his favorite bone and now he cannot remember where it is. Will you help him find it? That would be very kind of you.!



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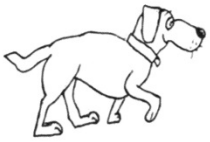
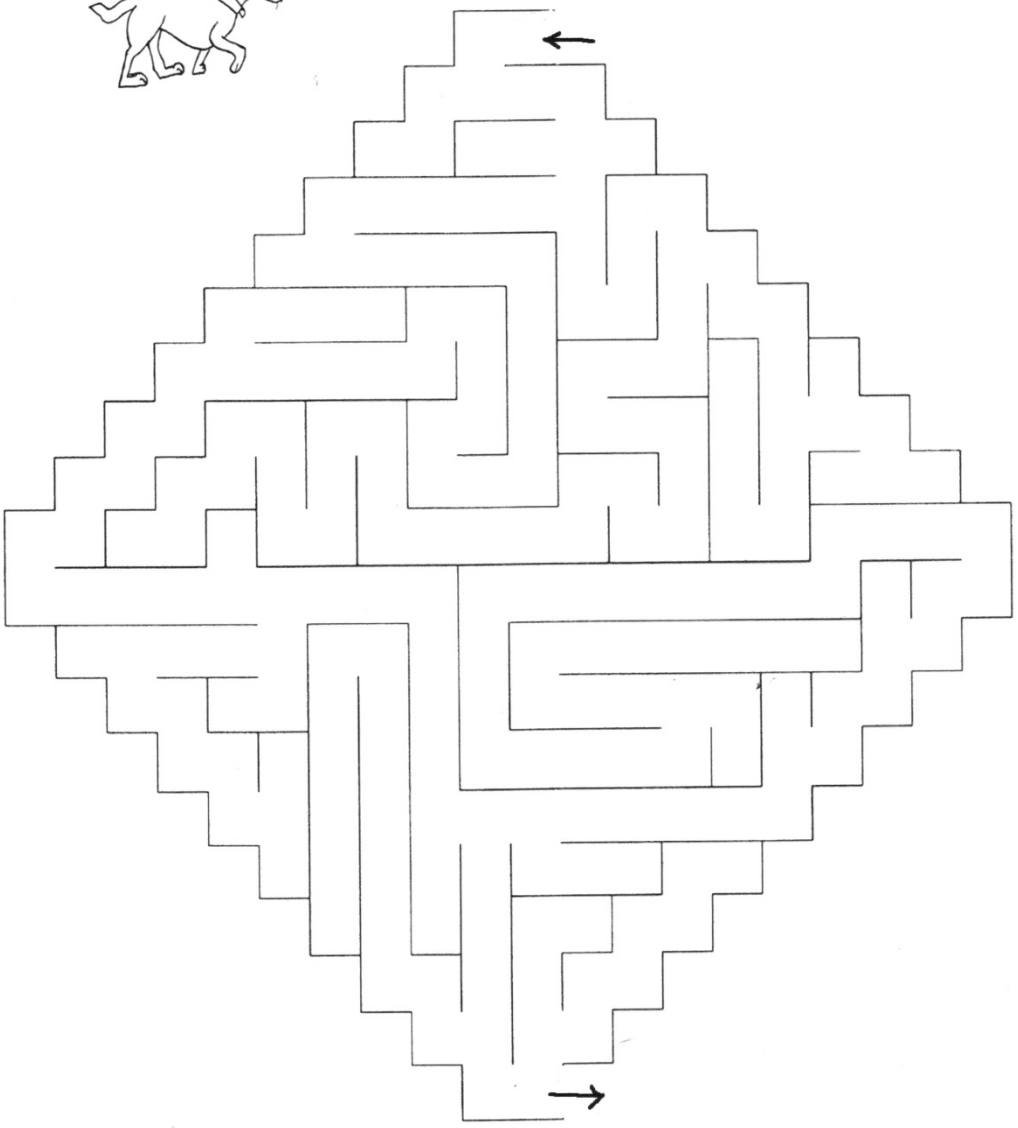
Dog Walk

Buddha is eager for his walk. Exercise is important to keep dogs healthy and happy. Will you take Buddha for his walk and safely guide him back home?





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Word Search:Dog Breeds

Find all the dog breed names in this word search. Listed words may be a single word like "Akita" or a compound word like "LabradorRetriever". Words may be in any direction. Draw a line around each word you find until you identify all the listed dog breeds.

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"Dog Breeds" Words:

Akita, Boxer, Chihauhau, Collie, Corgi, Dalmatian, Elkhound, GermanShepherd, GoldenRetriever, Greyhound, Husky, Malamute, Mastiff, Pappilon, Rottweiller, Samoyed, Schnauzer, SpringerSpaniel, Vizsla, Weimaraner, Whippet.

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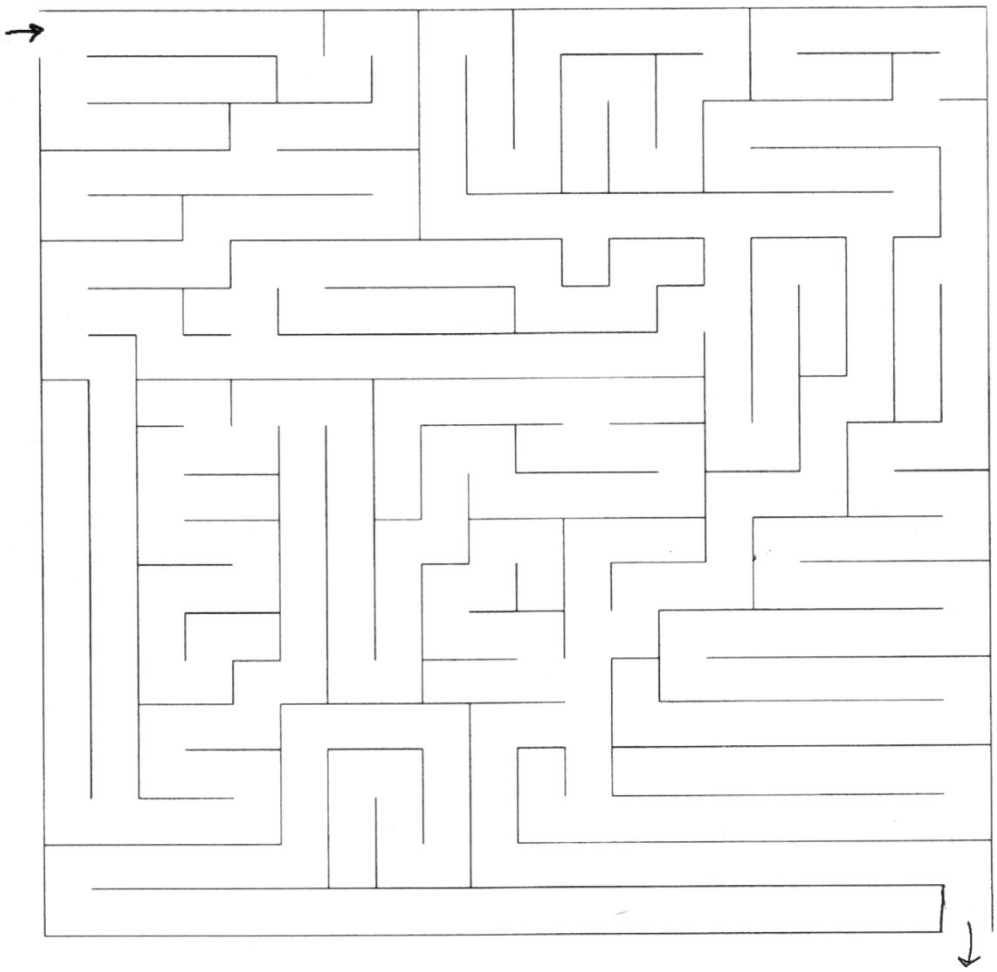
Hungry Buddha

Buddha is very hungry and his food bowl is empty. Can you find a bowl of food for poor Buddha? Compassion for animals is a virtue. Thank you!



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Secret Code

Buddha is trying to read his copy of "Stay Safe!" but it is written in code. Will you help him figure out the code and decipher the secret safety messages?

1 = A 2 = B 3 = C 4 = D 5 = E 6 = F 7 = G 8 = H 9 = I

10 = J 11 = K 12 = L 13 = M 14 = N 15 = O 16 = P 17 = Q 18 = R

19 = S 20 = T 21 = U 22 = V 23 = W 24 = X 25 = Y 26 = Z

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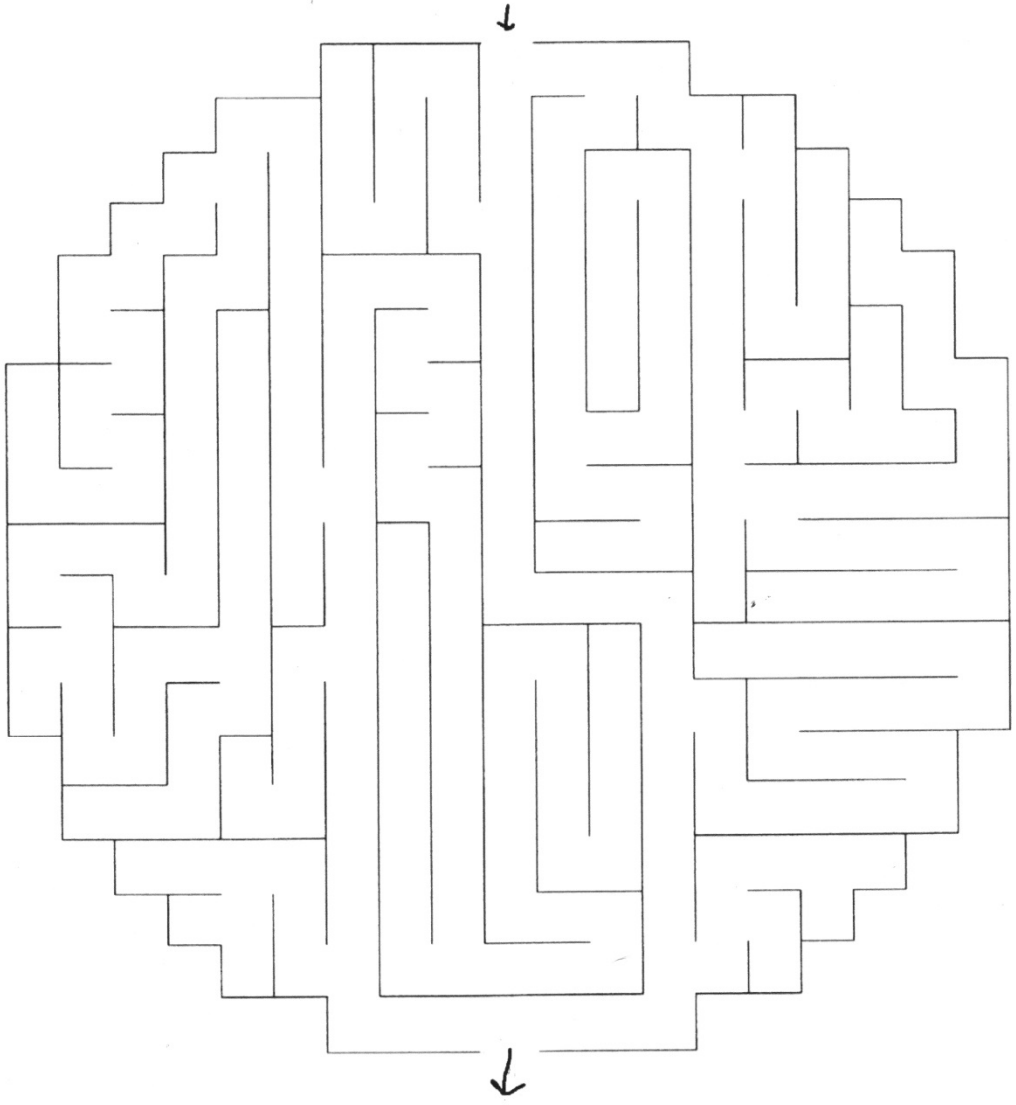
Buddha is Gandhi's best friend, but Gandhi has lost his way. Can you help him find Buddha again? (Gandhi was once lost in the winter, starving and without a home)



"Yippee! I found my friend again. Thank you!"

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Stay Safe Face

Find all the "Stay Safe!" presentation words in this word search. Each one is a single word like "Toy". Words may be in any direction. Draw a line around each word you find until you identify all the listed "Stay Safe!" words.

"Stay Safe!" Words:

Bite, Bone, Buddha, Calm, Canine, Collar, Colors, Choices, Dog, Food, Happy, Kindness, Leash, Patience, Petting, Prevention, Quiet, Rock, Safe, Toy, Training, Tree.

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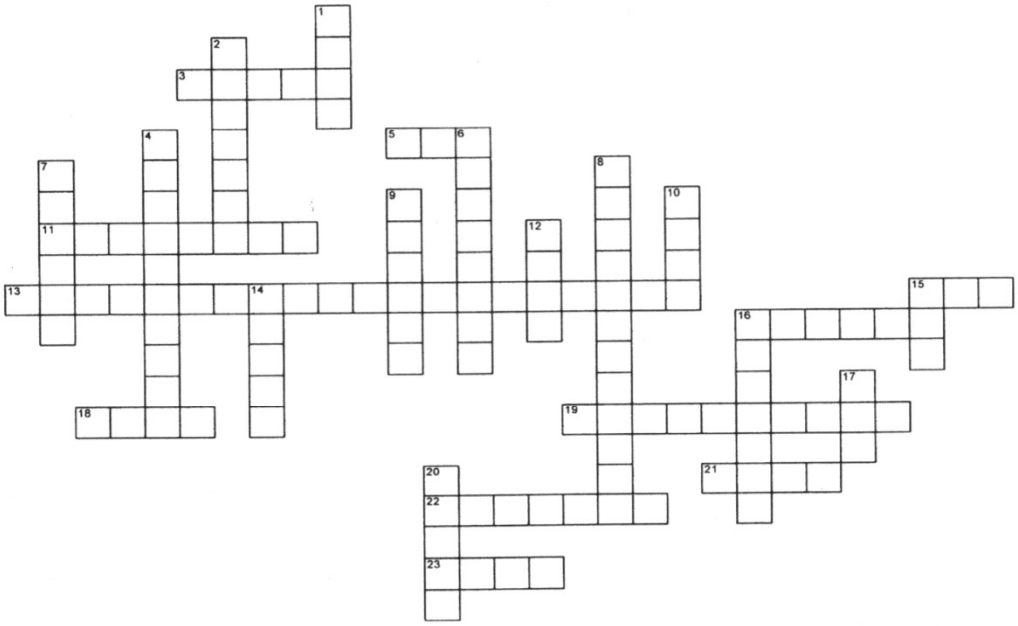
Stay Safe Crossword



ACROSS

3 A vocal dog warning.

5 To tap with the hand.

11 Buddha's dog breed.

13 Scientific name for dog.

15 A dog's foot.

16 Another term for dog.

18 Stand like a ___.

19 A state of fear.

21 What a dog eats from.

22 Likely to provoke a dog to chase.

23 Red light, meaning.

DOWN

1 Unlikely to bite.

2 A state of excitement.

4 Likely to bite.

6 The process of teaching a dog.

7 The leash attaches to a ___.

8 A doctor for animals.

9 Likely to make a dog repeat behavior.

10 What dogs love to play with.

12 The end of a dog.

14 A young dog.

15 To gently stroke.

16 Yellow light meaning.

17 Where a dog sleeps.

20. Used to groom a dog.

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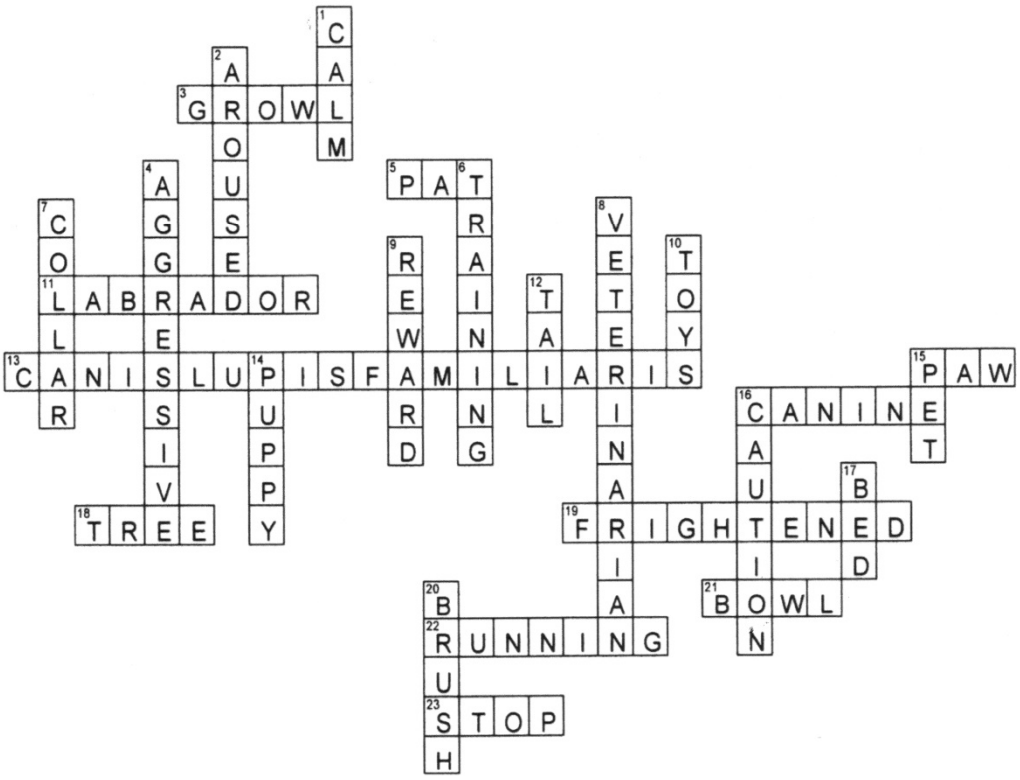
Stay Safe Crossword Solution

Did you figure out Happy Buddha's crossword puzzle? Here is the solution!



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Interactive Stories

Buddha wants you to stay safe with dogs and has been writing stories to help you, but he needs help finishing each story. Will you please tell Buddha how you think each story should end? He will tell you the results of your choices.

"Lee Visits the Park"

One day Lee visited the nearby park and played all alone, enjoying the nice playground equipment. After a while Lee noticed a dog trotting across the park. The dog was alone and quickly approached Lee. Lee felt afraid because the dog did not seem friendly. It was too excited, with its tail held up high, running directly toward him, eyes fixed on Lee. Then it growled at Lee and scared him.

"What should Lee do?"

Choices:

1. Scream and run away, hoping to outrun the dog.
2. Stand still like a tree, and wait for the dog to sniff and then lose interest.

Results:

1. The dog got even more excited and chased after Lee. Because dogs run faster than people, the dog caught up to Lee and jumped, grabbing Lee with his teeth. Lee fell to the ground and was bitten. That hurt!
2. As Lee stood still and became boring, the dog at first ran up to Lee, but then just sniffed and walked away. "That's pretty boring" the dog thought. "I'll go find something more interesting to do." Lee waited until the dog left and then relaxed, feeling safe again.

"The Missing Ball"

Chris really enjoyed playing with the new ball, which was a favorite birthday gift. While Chris tossed the ball in the air a strong wind suddenly made the ball fall into the yard next door, where a dog was tied by a cable to a post in the ground. Chris had never made friends with that dog and felt nervous about approaching it, but really enjoyed the new ball and wanted it back. The dog went to sniff the ball when it rolled into her yard and she seemed to claim it at her own prize. "Gee, this is a great ball", she thought. "I want to keep it!" Chris wanted the ball and was afraid the dog might chew on it.

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"What should Chris do?"

Choices:

1. Run into the yard and grab the ball, and then run away again.
2. Go tell an adult what happened and let them help.

Results:

1. When Chris ran into the yard, but the dog got really excited and began barking and pulling on the tie-out. When Chris got closer, the dog bit Chris. Chris never reached the ball and ran away crying.
2. Chris told an adult what happened and the adult then went to speak with the dog owner, explaining the matter. The dog owner was happy to return the ball and so Chris was able to stay safe and play again.

"Sleepy Dog"

Jake was an old dog that slept a lot and one afternoon he fell asleep on his bed, dreaming his doggie dreams. Jake lived with a family that had children, and those children had friends. Jan was a friend and was visiting one day when Jake was sleeping on his bed. Jan loved dogs and wanted to pet Jake, because Jake looked so cute and cuddly.

"What should Jan do?"

Choices:

1. Jan remembered how scary it felt to be startled and asked for permission to approach Jake. "I don't want to scare Jake", Jan said.
2. Jan thought "Jake knows me so I can just go over and pet him."

Results:

1. Jan was polite and asked if it was OK to pet Jake. The friend said "Let's wait until Jake is awake, and then you can pet him." They played for a while and when Jake woke up, Jan was able to pet him and make him happy.
2. Jan was eager to pet Jake and walked over to him, patting his head. Jake was startled and did not know what was happening. In fact, Jake was afraid. He snapped at Jan, who ran away crying. When Jake realized what had happened he felt bad, but Jan was still afraid.

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"The Food Bowl"

Buster was really hungry and had been waiting all day for his meal. When his owner put his food bowl down, Buster was eager to eat the yummy food. "Boy, this is great!" he thought. B.J. lived with Buster and liked him a lot and always enjoyed petting him. When B.J. saw Buster enjoying his meal it was really tempting to go and pet him. Buster always enjoyed petting, so it seemed like a good thing to do.

"What should B.J. do?"

Choices:

1. Wait for Buster to finish his meal and walk away from the food bowl, and then pet.
2. Reach toward Buster while he is eating his food.

Results:

1. Buster ate all his food and has a full belly. He is happy to be petted.
2. Oh oh! Buster thinks you are trying to take his great meal away from him. "GROWL!" he says, "Stay away from me while I am eating. Don't make me bite you!" B.J. is frightened and runs away. B.J. is not sure whether to trust Buster any more.

Buddha wants you to always be safe with dogs, and so you need to make good choices. Leave a dog alone when it is tied in a yard, or sleeping, or eating a meal. Don't chase or restrain a dog. Let the dog choose whether to come to you and stay safe!

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