



# **NOTICE OF DOG BITING INCIDENTS**

Six Nations Elected Council has become aware of eight dog bite incidents, that we are aware of, on the corner of Fifth Line and Tuscarora Road. As a means of promoting public safety we would like you take precaution when walking or biking in this area.

**For your safety, please do not enter private property unless the owner is present or you have their consent.**

# General Dog Safety Tips

## Please adhere to the following precautions:

- Be alert and monitor your surroundings at all times.
- Recognize there is a difference in dog behaviour when in heat, mating or if they have just had puppies.
- Adhere to **BEWARE of DOG** signs. If you disregard warnings you are potentially putting yourself at risk.

## Safety around dogs:

- Always ask permission before petting or touching someone else's dog.
- Most of the time, we encounter friendly, wiggly dogs in public. But you should be cautious if a dog goes still, becomes stiff, and/or is not wagging in a loose and friendly way.
- Don't corner a dog. All dogs have a sense of personal space, so watch their body language as you get closer (or the dog gets closer to you).
- When approached by a strange dog, stand quietly, hands at your sides and avoid eye contact. A dog's natural instinct is to chase, so if you run, a dog may chase. Watch the dog out of the corner of your eye and don't turn your back.
- Do not approach dogs in cars or on chains or ropes. Dogs can be protective about their territory and may feel a bit more vulnerable or defensive than usual. When dogs are tied up, they know they can't run away so their only defense will be to fight.
- To avoid startling dogs, don't approach or touch them while they're sleeping, fixated on something, or with their puppies.
- Never get between dogs who are fighting and keep your hands away from their heads.
- Leave dogs alone when they are eating, whether the dog is eating from a bowl or chewing a treat or any other high-value item. Like people, dogs don't like it when people get between them and their food.
- Don't reach over or through fences or barriers to pet or touch a dog.
- Never tease, chase or harass a dog.
- Don't enter a property containing a dog if you're not accompanied by the dog's person. Dogs can be protective of their family and territory and think it's their job to protect them.