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Johnny woke up one Saturday morning logged on his computer and began chatting with his friend Jacob.

“Johnny can you come over today so we can play?” Jacob asked.

“Sure” Johnny replied. “I’ll ask my Mom and walk over to your house.”



Johnny got dressed, ran downstairs and asked, “Mom, can I go to Jacob’s house to play?”

Johnny’s Mom answered, “OK but be home for dinner and have Jacob’s Mom text me when you get there.”



Johnny starts walking down the street in his neighborhood and sees Mr. Wilson planting flowers with his dog Daisy sitting beside him.

Johnny approaches Daisy to pet her but then remembers what he was taught about dog bite prevention:

**Never Pet a Dog Without Asking
The Dog's Owner First**

"Mr. Wilson would it be ok if I pet Daisy?" asked Johnny.

"Sure Johnny Daisy would like that. Thank you for asking me first" replied Mr. Wilson.

Johnny leans over and pets Daisy. Daisy wags her tail and gives Johnny a friendly lick on his hand.



Johnny continues walking down the street on his way to Jacob's house. He sees a dog sleeping next to its doghouse.

Johnny walks quietly up to the dog to pet it but then remembers what he was taught about dog bite prevention:

Never Surprise or Disturb a Dog, Especially If It Is Eating or Sleeping. You Could Startle The Dog and It May Bite You.

Johnny stops before he gets any closer and then backs up without waking up the dog.



Johnny keeps strolling down the sidewalk and walks next to a fence where a dog is watching Johnny from behind the fence.

Johnny stops and begins to reach over the fence to pet the dog but then remembers what he was taught about dog bite prevention:

Never Reach Through or
Over a Fence to Pet a Dog.
Dogs Are Protective of Their
Territory and May Bite You.

Johnny pulls his hand back before reaching over the fence and continues walking.



As Johnny turns a corner he notices
that a dog is running right at him.
Johnny begins to panic and he is about to start
running the other way when he remembers
what he was taught about dog bite prevention:

Do Not Run Away from a Dog. It May Chase
You and Bite You. Instead, Stop, Stay Calm
and Keep Your Arms and Hands Close to Your
Body. Try to Avoid Direct Eye Contact with the
Dog and Be Quiet. Do Not Yell or Scream. Let
the Dog Sniff You and Check You Out. Once the
Dog Determines You Are Not a Threat, It Will
Probably Just Go Away.

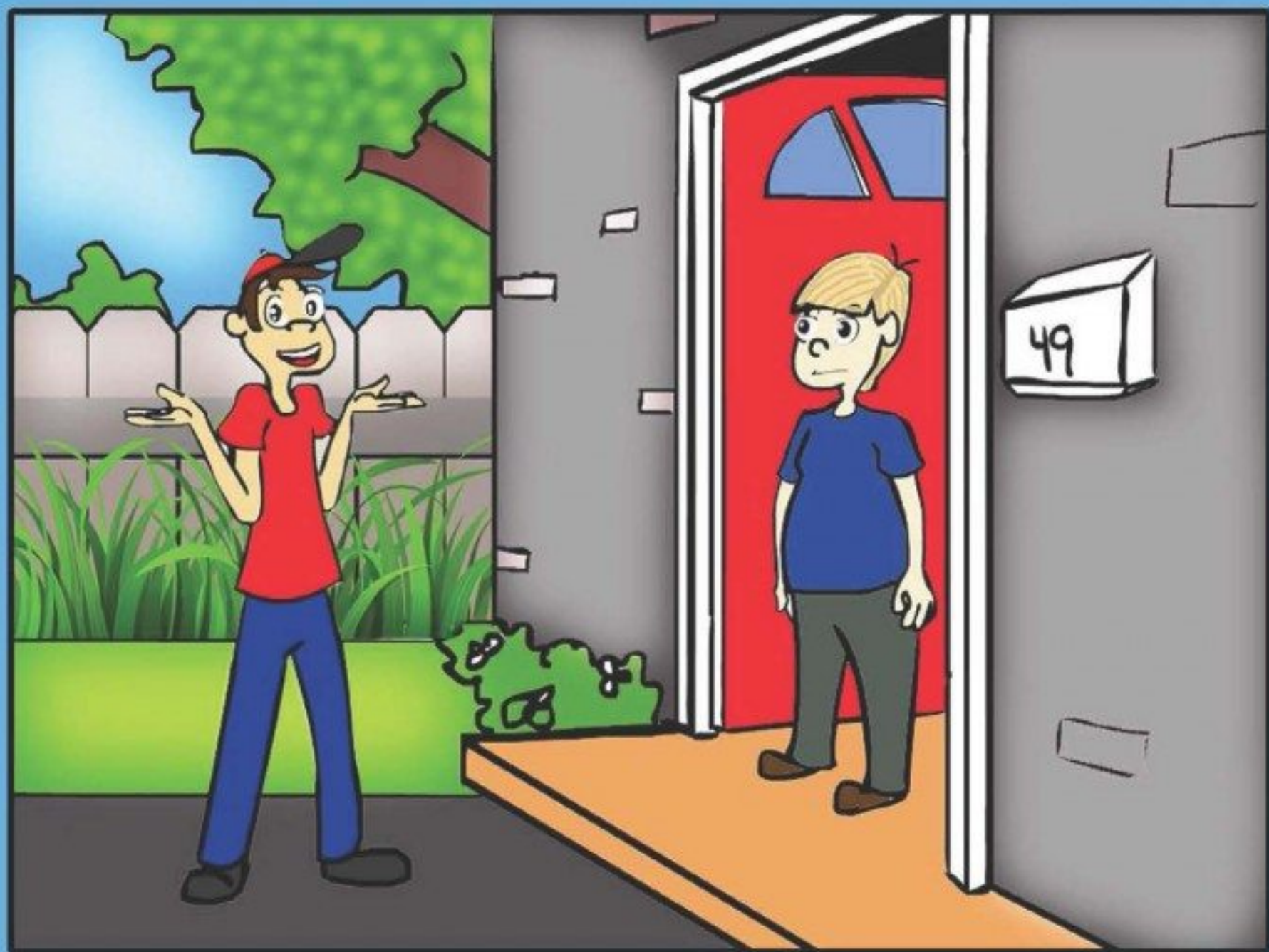


Johnny finally arrives at Jacob's house where Jacob's sister Molly is outside playing with her dog Buster.

Johnny notices that Buster looks angry. The dog's ears are flat against its head and its body becomes stiff. Johnny stops walking and Molly says, "It's OK Johnny Buster won't hurt you."

But Johnny remembers what he was taught about dog bite prevention:

Watch a Dog's Body Language.
If The Dog's Ears Go Flat, It Becomes Stiff and
It Looks Like It Is Getting Ready to Attack,
Do Not Approach The Dog!



Johnny rings the doorbell and Jacob opens the door. “Hi Johnny, What took you so long?” asked Jacob.

“You only live three blocks away.”

Johnny shrugged his shoulders and said, “Sorry Jacob it’s a long story!”



“What do you want to do
first Jacob?”

asked Johnny.

“Let’s ride bikes over to the park and
go down the big slide. You can use my
brother’s bike” said Jacob.

Johnny and Jacob begin riding to the
park on their bikes when a dog starts
chasing them from behind.

“Start riding faster!” yells Jacob.

“We Need To Get Away!”



“No Jacob” said Johnny. “We need to stop now.”

“What? Are you kidding” exclaimed Jacob.

Johnny remembered what he was taught about dog bite prevention:

Kids on Bikes Probably Cannot Ride Faster Than a Dog Can Run. The Best Thing To Do Is Stop Riding. Get Off The Bike and Use The Bike as a Shield Keeping It Between You and The Dog.

Johnny and Jacob got off their bikes and put their bikes between them and the dog. Both boys stood still and quiet when the dog approached.

The dog started to sniff the bikes that the boys placed in front of them. Then it walked around the bikes and started to sniff Jacob and Johnny.

The boys didn't move and they remained quiet letting the dog sniff and check them out. After a few minutes the dog lost interest in the boys and walked away. “Wow that was close” said Jacob. “You got that right!” replied Johnny.



Johnny and Jacob arrived at the park. They had a great time playing on the big slide, climbing ropes and swinging high on the different swing sets at the park.

“Let’s go back to my house and ride skateboards” said Jacob.

“Sounds like fun” replied Johnny.

The two boys returned to Jacob’s house got off their bikes and picked up skateboards.



They rode down the sidewalk
weaving their skateboards from one
side of the sidewalk to the other.

Both boys were laughing and having
a lot of fun. They were unaware of
what was about to happen when
they reached the bottom of the hill.

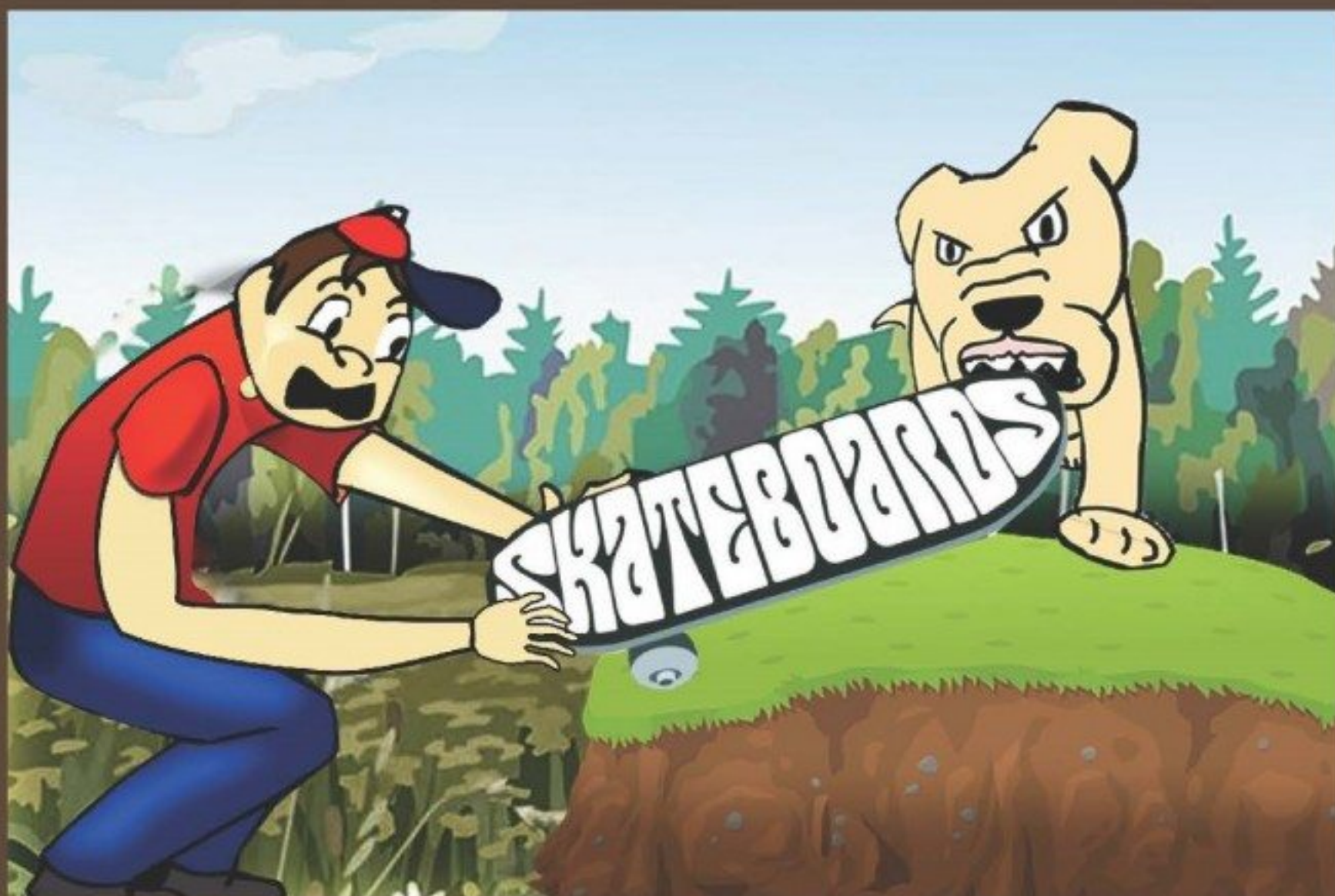


“Last one to the bottom is a rotten egg” shouted Jacob.

“That’s going to be you”
said Johnny.

The boys raced down the hill on their skateboards. As they neared the bottom a growling dog appeared. It looked mean and angry.

The boys both came to a screeching halt.



“What should we do Johnny?”
asked Jacob.

The dog continued to show its teeth as it
stepped closer to the boys.

“Don’t move” replied Johnny.

As the dog came closer it looked like it was about to attack
Johnny.

Then Johnny remembered what he was taught about dog
bite prevention:

If The Dog is Going To Attack,
“Feed” It Something To Bite On.
Offer The Dog Anything –
Your Hat, Your Jacket, Whatever You Have.

Johnny picked up his skateboard and
pointed it at the dog.

The dog jumped at Johnny and grabbed
the skateboard with its mouth.



A policeman was patrolling the neighborhood and saw the dog standing over Johnny.

The policeman immediately stopped to help the boys.

He put the dog on a leash and placed it in the back of his police car.



After the dog was placed in the police car the policeman asked both boys if they were injured.

“We’re OK. The dog didn’t hurt us” said Johnny. “I remembered what I was taught about dog bite prevention and that really helped today!”

“Glad to hear kids like you know how to prevent dog bites” said the policeman.



Johnny returned home and
walked in his house.

“Did you have an exciting day
Johnny?” asked his Mom.

“It was a day for the dogs!”
laughed Johnny.



Our book is intended to be fun and helpful. We also have a video link where you can view more information about dog bite prevention. That link is: www.dogbitesohio.com/ohio-kids-dog-bite-prevention-video/.

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