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# Dogs communicate long before they bite.

Knowing the signs helps keep people safe and **pets in homes.**



Dog-related injuries have more than **doubled** over the past decade.

Source: AIHW



Around **1 in 4** serious dog-related injuries occur in the home.

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Dogs give signals long before they bite.  
**Know the signs. Change the outcome.**



Photo by Barnabas Davoti

“Dog bites are preventable, and prevention starts with people.”

– **Lara Shannon**

Australia CAN Ambassador and dog behaviourist



### Give space

If a dog looks worried or unsure, move away calmly.



### Never punish

Punishment can increase fear and risk of bites.



### Learn and educate

Understanding behaviour helps prevent incidents before they happen.



### Supervise and manage

Especially with children, strangers and new situations.



### Seek professional help

Early support can make a big difference.

