



I love my dog

Dear Caregiver,

At Vetsure, our aim is to assist as many children and their families as possible to understand their pets, regardless of how they learn and interact with the world.

The world can be a difficult place to navigate for children with neurodiversity, which is why we have created this social story.

Social stories are commonly used to provide clear and concise information.

Social stories should be used at a pace that suits the child using them, and as a fun way to support them through these tricky topics.

The picture boxes are used to provide a visual explanation, and they use colours and consistent images to help with emotional understanding.

On the next page we have included some chatter cards. These cards can be cut out and used to assist with communication about caring for your dog.

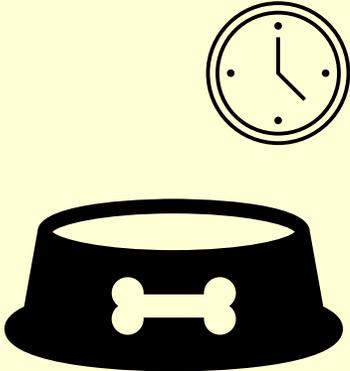
We hope these social stories provide help and support for your child and family.

Social Story Key	
Kind	
Unkind	
Gentle	
Happy	
Angry	
Sad	
Scared	

Vetsure Chatter Cards

Use these cards when looking at the social story together. This may help with understanding the scenarios discussed.

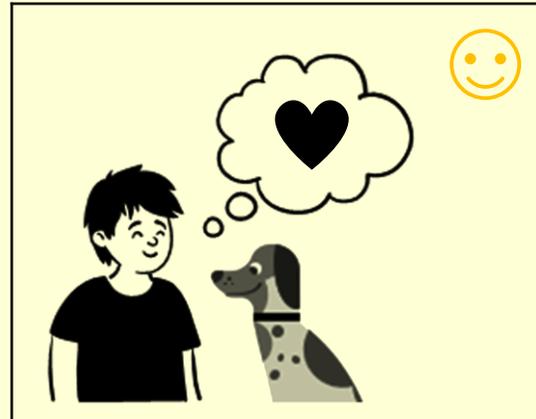
These cards can be cut out and used as a communication aid when talking about their dog.

				
Sleeping	Water	Food time	Go for walk	
				
Stroke dog	Happy	Angry	Sad	Scared

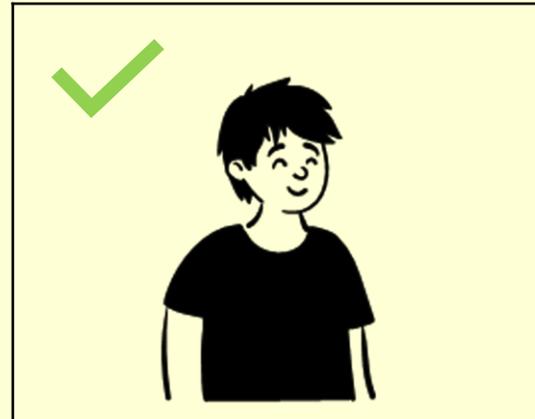
My dog likes indoors and outdoors



My dog lives in my house with me.



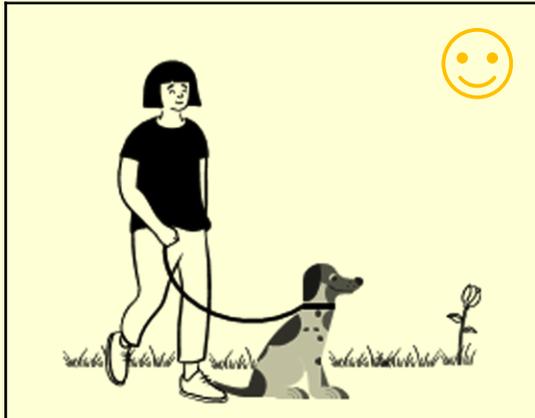
I love my dog and my dog loves me.



I should be kind to my dog.



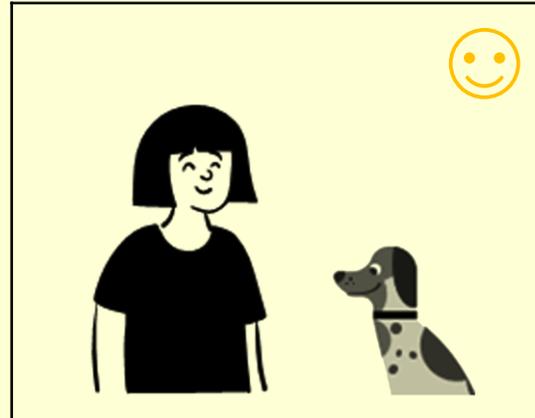
Being kind to my dog will make them happy.



My dog likes walks.



I must listen to my grown-up and walk calmly near the roads.



This will keep me and my dog safe.

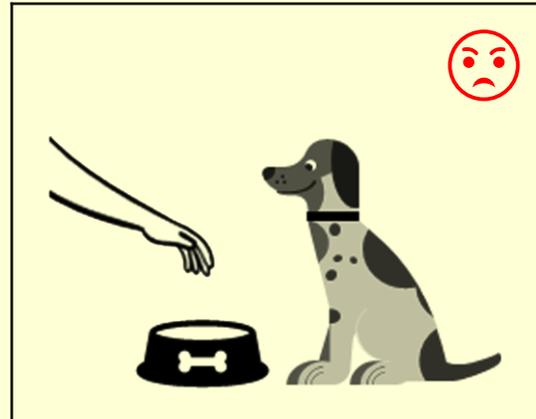


If I listen to my grown-up, they will be happy with me.

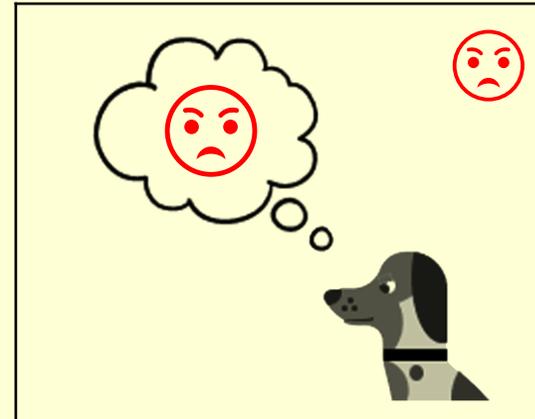
My dog needs food and water



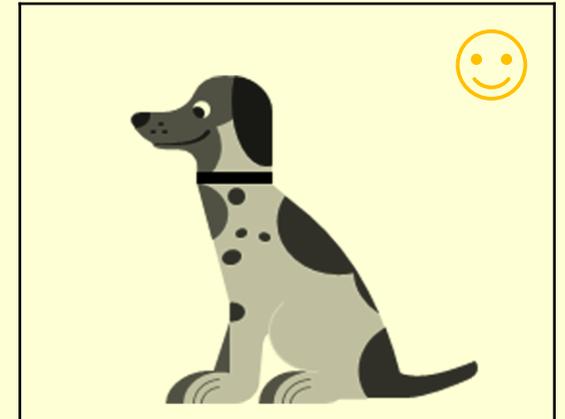
My dog likes to eat food.



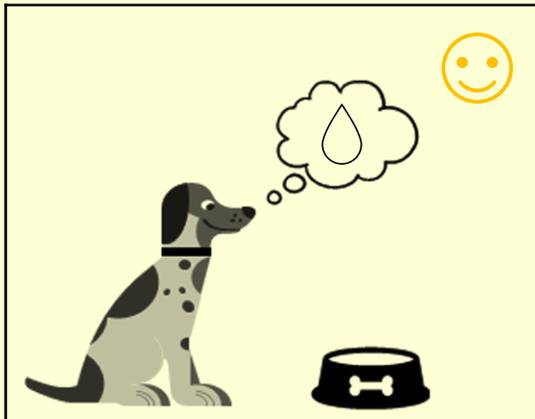
I should not touch my dog, or their food, when they are eating.



If I touch my dog or their food when they are eating, they may get angry with me.



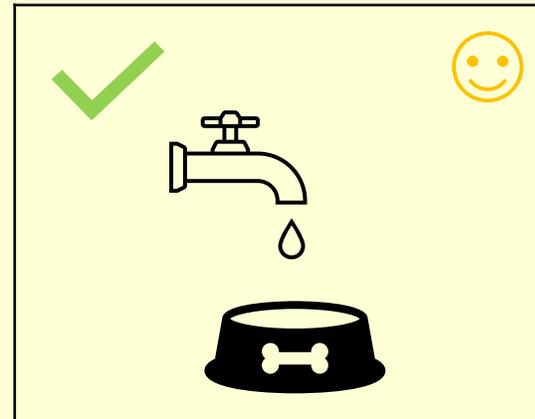
If I wait until they are finished eating, they will be happy with me.



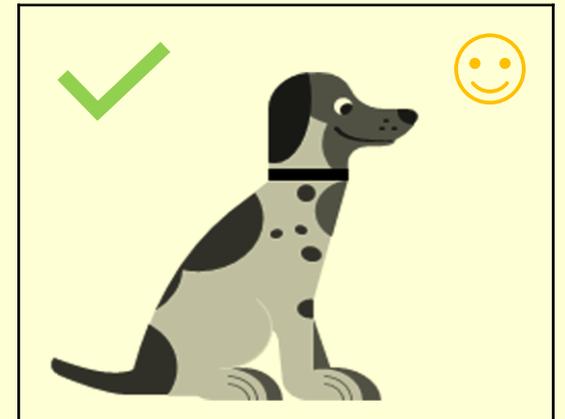
My dog needs water to drink.



If their bowl is empty, they may be thirsty and sad.

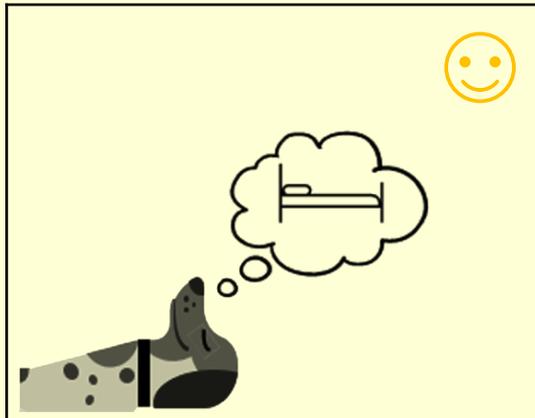


Filling up their bowl with water is kind and will let them have a nice drink.

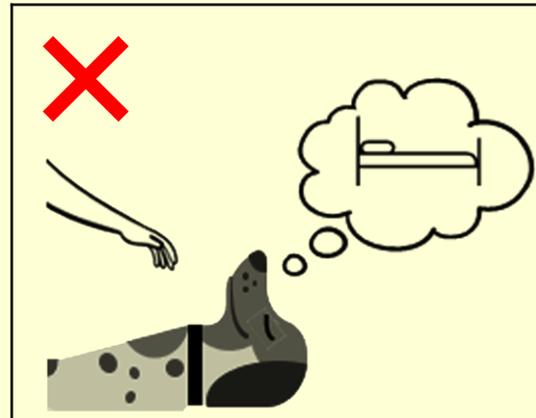


It is kind to make sure my dog has water.

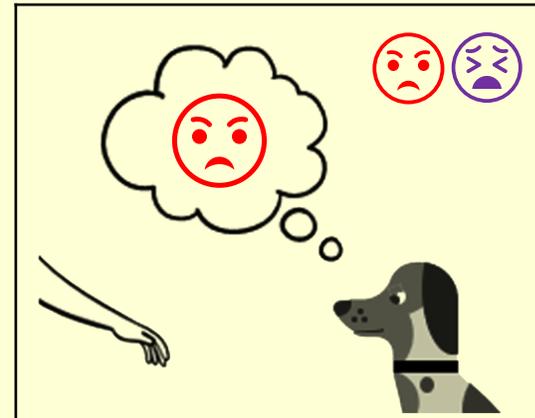
Sometimes my dog likes peace and quiet



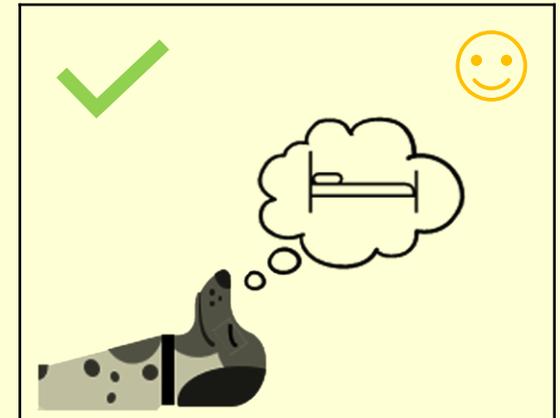
My dog sleeps when they are tired.



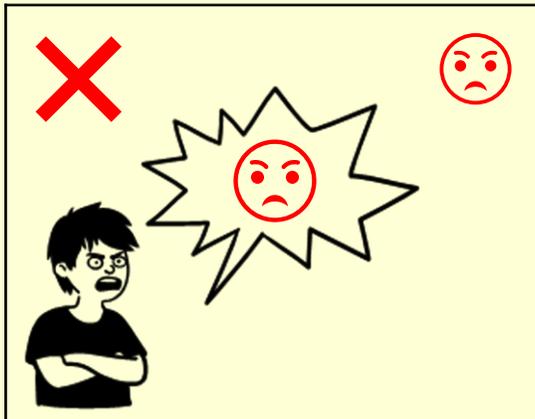
When my dog is sleeping, I should not touch them. It is unkind to wake them up.



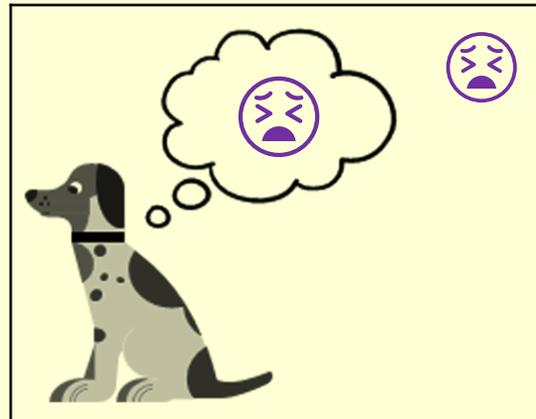
Waking my dog up may scare them or make them cross.



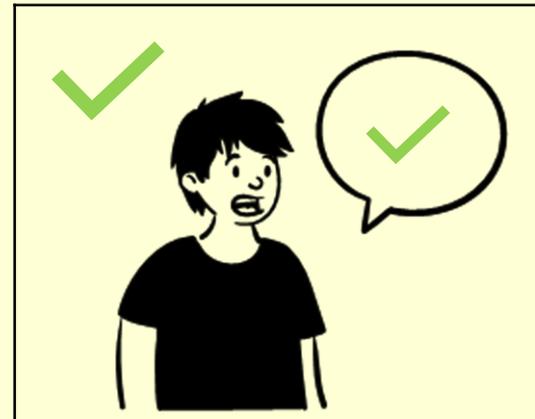
It is kind to let my dog sleep.



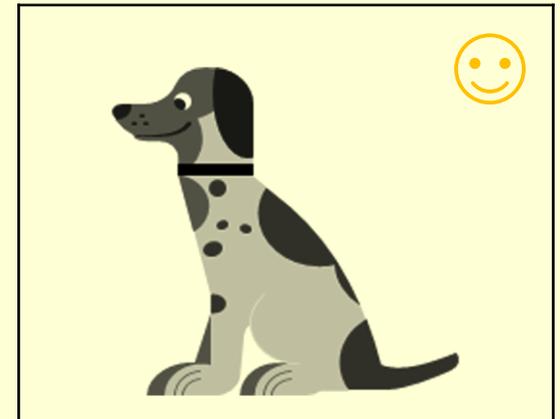
It is unkind to shout at my dog, even if I am angry.



If I shout at my dog, it may scare them.

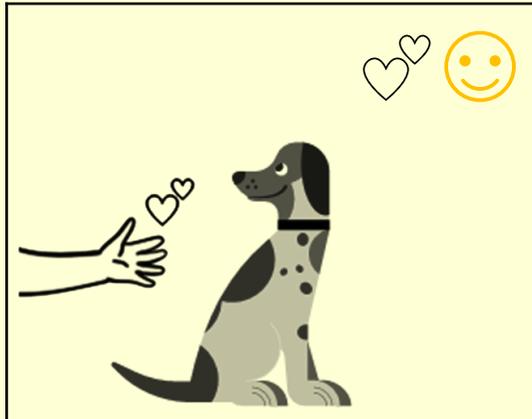


I should use kind and calm words to speak to my dog.

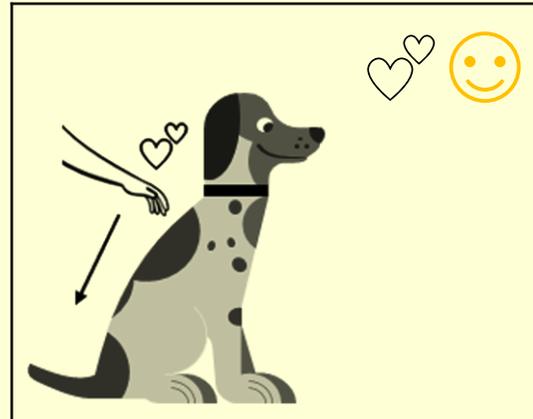


If I speak nicely to my dog, it will make them happy.

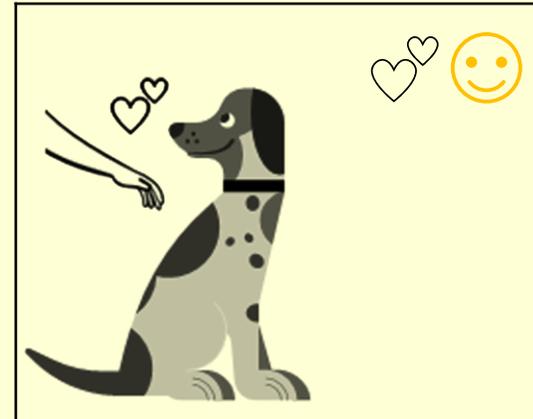
My dog needs me to be gentle



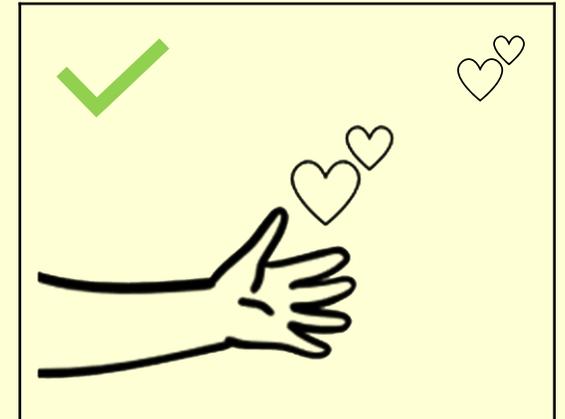
When I stroke my dog, I must be gentle.



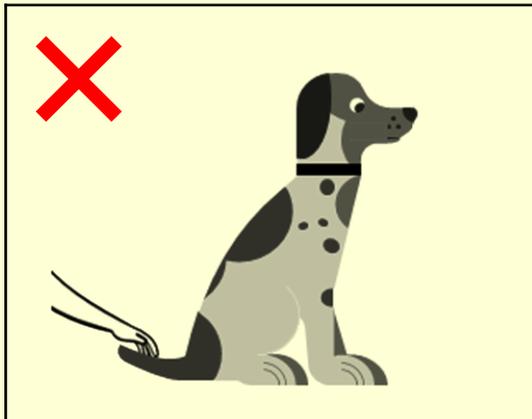
I can stroke my dog's back softly towards its tail.



My dog will be happy if I stroke them gently.



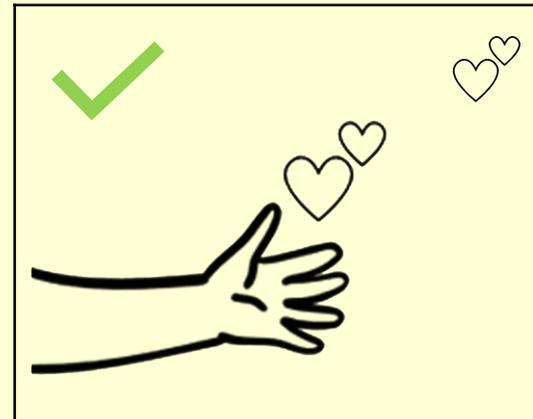
It is kind to be gentle with my dog.



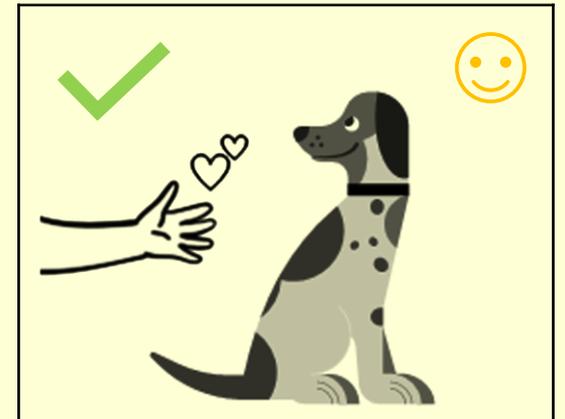
I should not pull my dog's ears, tail, fur or hurt them.



This is because hurting my dog is unkind and it will make them sad.



I will be kind and gentle when playing with my dog.



If I am kind my dog will be happy.

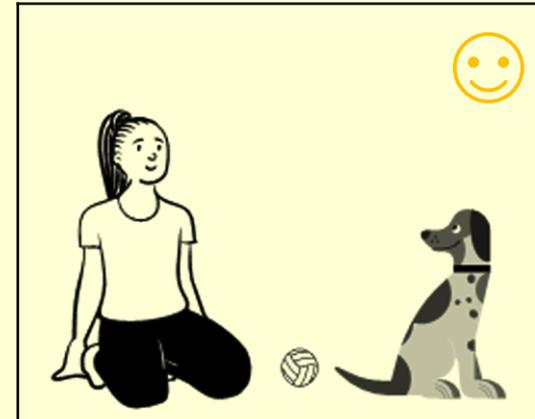
My dog needs me to be gentle



I should not climb on my dog because this is unkind.



If I climb on my dog, it may hurt them or make them angry or scared.



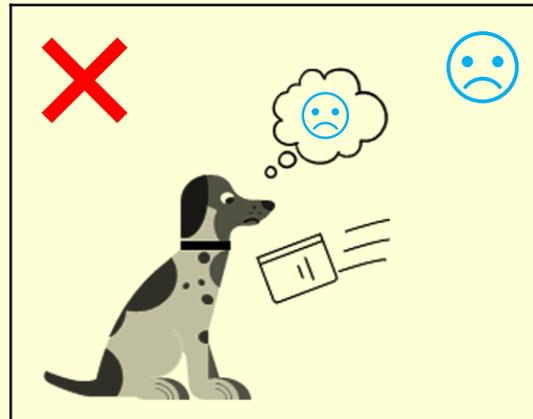
I can play with my dog a different way, like with a ball.



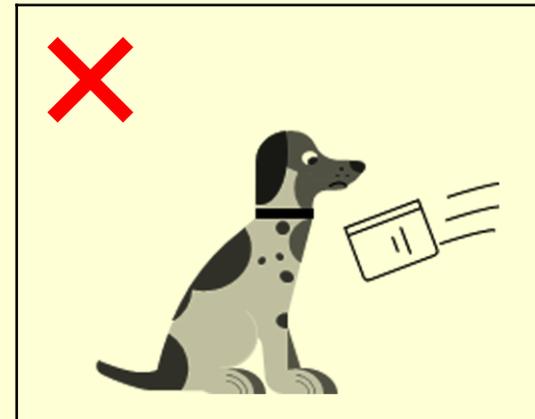
Playing nicely with my dog is kind and will make them happy.



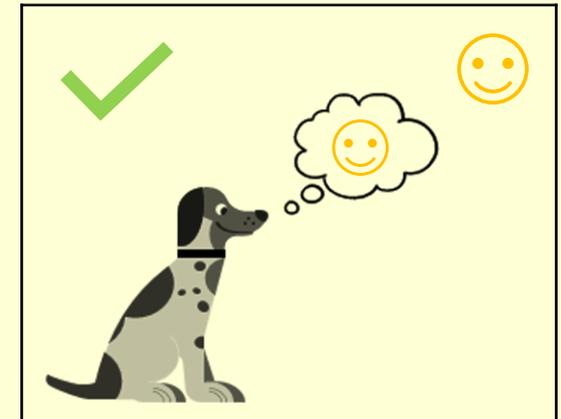
I should never throw things at my dog, even if I am angry.



Throwing things at my dog is unkind and may hurt them or make them sad.

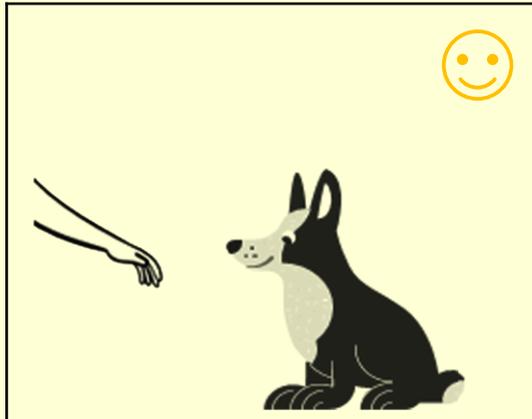


It is unkind to hurt my dog.



If I am kind and don't throw things at my dog, they will be happy.

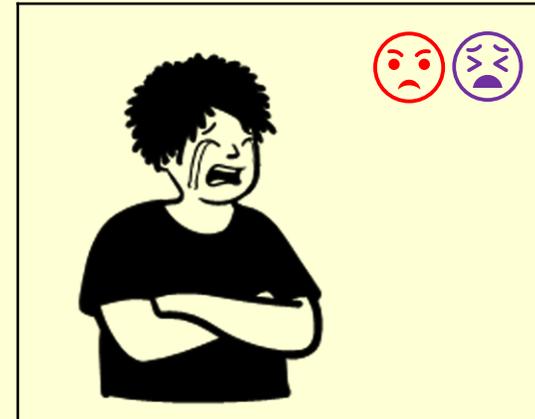
Can I stroke other peoples' dogs?



I should always ask before I touch someone else's dog.



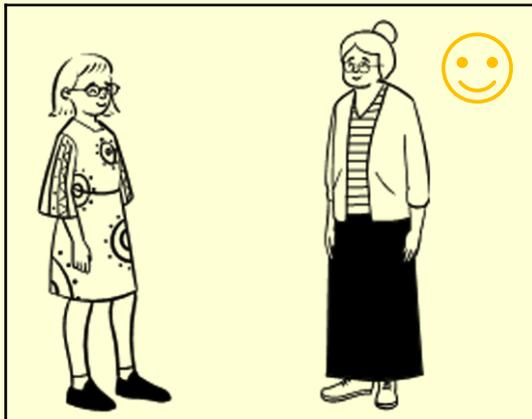
They may say no because their dog bites, which will hurt me.



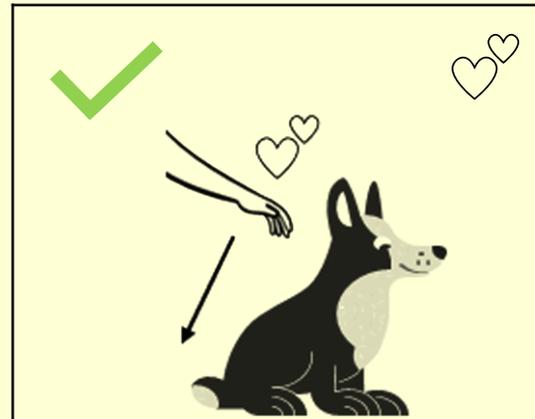
The adult may say I can't touch their dog, and this may make me sad or angry.



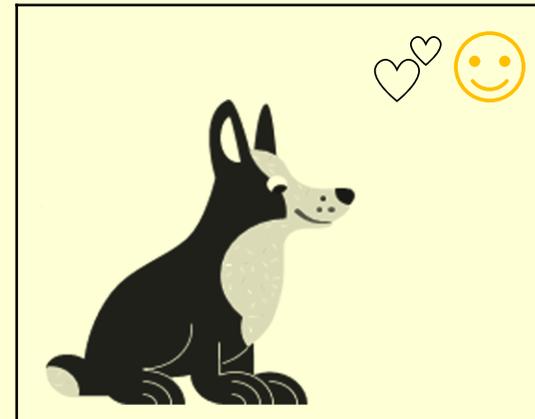
Not touching the dog will keep me safe and my grown-up will be happy.



Sometimes the person may let me stroke their dog.



I should stroke the dog kindly and gently.



If I am gentle and calm the dog will be happy.



The grown-up will be happy that I am kind to dogs.

My picture page

Why not
draw a
picture of
your dog?



We would love for you to send us a drawing of your dog.

Your grown-up can email your picture to marketing@vetsure.com



The Vetsure Kids Kindness Award



This awards goes to

for visiting the vets

