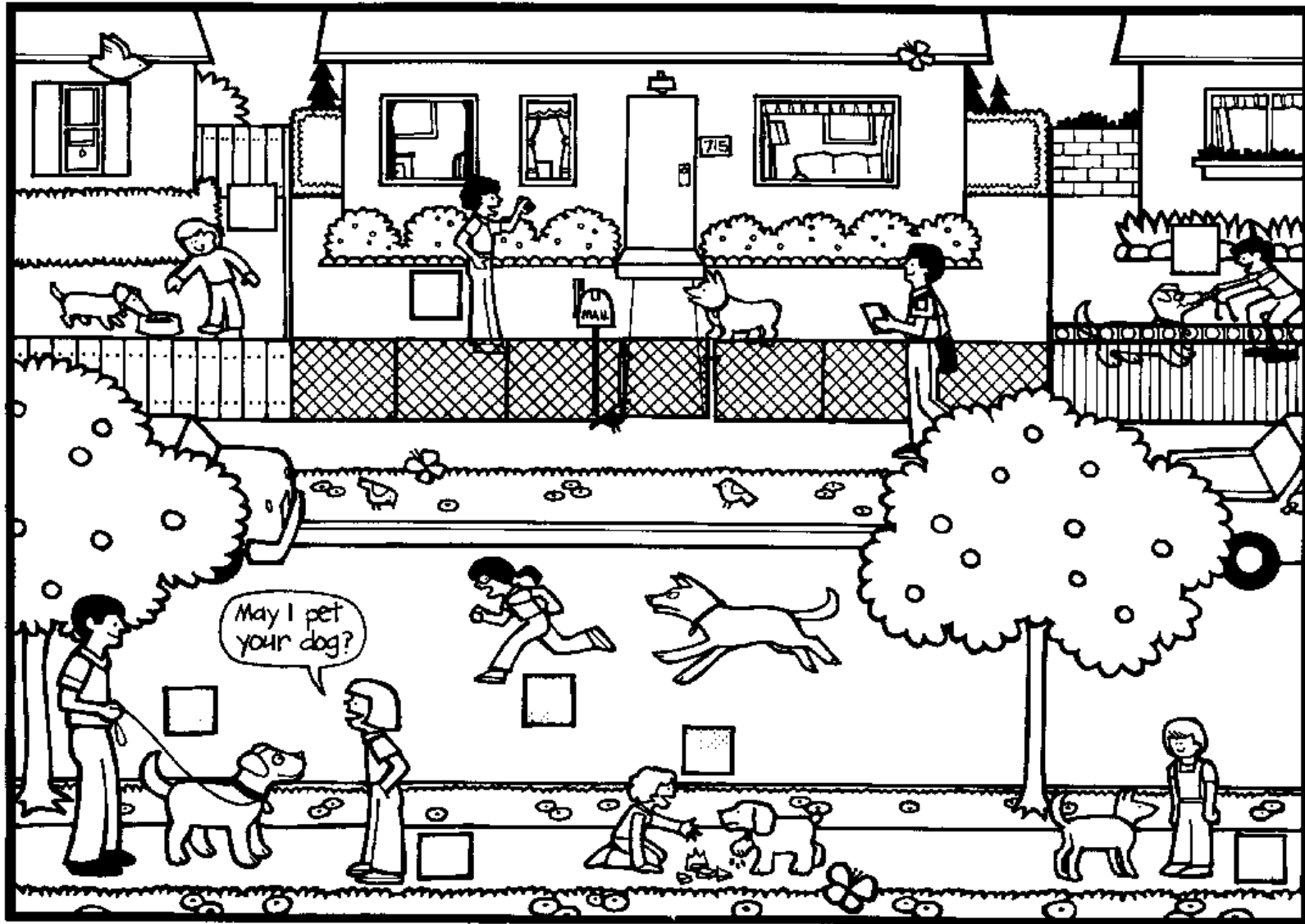


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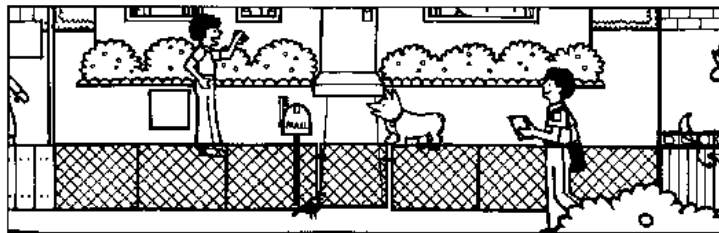
Dog bites can be avoided when people behave safely around dogs and pet owners act responsibly. Look at this picture. Write an *S* in the box next to each example of someone

behaving safely and responsibly with a dog. Write a *U* in the box next to each example that shows unsafe behavior around a dog.

Did you recognize which examples in the picture showed someone behaving safely and responsibly with a dog? Were you able to spot examples of unsafe behavior? Check your answers here.

Safe, Responsible Behavior (S)

- 🐾 Always walk your dog on a leash. (Keep your cats indoors, where they are safe from traffic and from other animals.)
- 🐾 Before petting someone else's dog (or cat), ask the owner for permission. After getting permission to pet a dog, always let the dog sniff the back of your hand first.
- 🐾 When a dog approaches you, stand still and quiet. Keep your hands at your sides.
- 🐾 When you are not walking your dog, keep him or her indoors with you—or in a fenced yard. Spend time playing with and caring for your dog.



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Unsafe Behavior (U)

- 🐾 Don't pet or approach a dog (or a cat) while he or she is eating, sleeping, or guarding something. Pets naturally guard their food, their babies, and their toys. Dogs also protect their owners, as well as property that belongs to their owners—such as an owner's home, yard, or car.
- 🐾 Don't try to pull a toy, a stick, or any item from a dog's mouth. Also avoid playing tug-of-war with dogs. Playing roughly with dogs may teach them to bite, jump, or become aggressive.
- 🐾 Don't run away from a dog that is chasing you. (A dog's natural instinct is to chase and catch someone who is running away. If you stand still, the dog will most likely stop, sniff you, and leave you alone when he or she realizes you are not a threat.) Also, don't chase or tease dogs or cats, and avoid petting or trying to pick up strange pets.
- 🐾 Don't approach a dog (or any other animal) that is injured. Instead, tell an adult about the animal.