



Preparing families with dogs for life with baby.

Dogs&Storks™ Q&A

Is Dogs & Storks a “baby proofing” program?

No, unlike baby proofing objects such as cabinets and doors, dogs are living creatures and therefore will behave and respond as dogs. We provide expecting families with education about dog behavior and body language so that they can safely include them in daily baby routines with proper expectations and boundaries. We believe the only “baby proofed” dog is a stuffed one.

What are the most frequently asked questions by families?

1. Will our dog be jealous?
2. How do we introduce our dog to our new baby?
3. What if our dog growls at the baby?
4. Should we carry a doll? Listen to baby sounds? Bring home a blanket?
5. What if our dog does not like the baby?

Is it safe to have multiple dogs in a home with a newborn?

Yes, with proper expectations, boundary setting and management many families enjoy the company of multiple dogs while raising children.



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Are there specific breeds you do not recommend for families with babies?

No, our program focuses on the individual dog's behaviors not a generalized approach about breed. Dogs that have been well socialized and live inside with their family make great companions for both parent and baby as they grow.

Why did you create Dogs & Storks™ in 2002?

As an active volunteer with various breed rescues I saw first hand how many dogs are abandoned once a family is expecting. As the Mother of four and a certified dog behavior consultant, I found it frustrating and believed that with more resources available families could make more informed choices about their companions. We do our best to offer cost effective resources for families throughout the United States and Canada.

What formats does the Dogs & Storks™ program come in?

DVD, with video footage of a Dogs & Storks consultation
Workshops in various location in the US and Canada
Online free resources such as a blog and handouts.

How does someone become a part of the Dogs & Storks™ presenter network?

In order to be considered an applicant must have a solid knowledge base in dog behavior and training. Presenters have years of hands on experience and have a strong affiliation with reputable dog related organizations. We



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screen our presenters carefully taking into consideration our goals and commitment to families and positive training techniques.

Brief bio:

Jennifer Shryock is a Certified Dog Behavior Consultant (CDBC) through International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (www.iaabc.org) and a Professional Member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (www.APDT.com). Jennifer has a B.A. in Special Education, Kutztown University. In 2002, Ms. Shryock began her own dog behavior business, Family Paws - Cary NC, working with families and dogs. Ms. Shryock has twenty years of experience working hands-on with families in a variety of environments. Active in dog safety, Ms Shryock is also Vice President, Doggone Safe, US. Doggone Safe is dedicated to dog safety and victim support. Ms. Shryock also works with Karen Delise (author, The Pit Bull Placebo) for the National Canine Research Council. A welcomed speaker within her own field and beyond, Ms Shryock has presented at numerous conferences for example, North Carolina's Safe Kids Coalition Annual Conference, Pet Sitter International's Annual Conference as well as DONA International's Annual Conference.

Jennifer Shryock is available for interviews and to offer insight on the following topics:

- Dogs & Babies
- Safety for child care providers in homes with dogs
- Dog bite prevention for children and adults
- How to choose a family dog



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- Seasonal topics: ex. holiday safety, summer time safety and fun with dogs, Halloween safety
- Insight on fatal dog attacks ex. possible triggers, causes, ways to prevent
- And much more!

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