



LEESBURG
VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Top tips for Keeping your kids safe & pets happy!



Supervise all interactions between kids and pets.

Never leave children alone with pets -
even gentle ones!
Animal behavior can change quickly in
stressful situations

Teach your child to be gentle and polite to pets.

You wouldn't let your child pull
another kid's hair or ears, or climb on
them like furniture - the same goes for
dogs and cats!

Give em' some space!

Sometimes pets need some alone
time or extra space to relax and feel
comfortable. This includes while
eating or enjoying a treat, playing with
their favorite toys, sleeping, or are sick
or injured.

Learn to read your pet.

Pets communicate feelings of fear,
anxiety, and aggression through body
language. Dogs bark and growl; cats
hiss. Other signs that pets may be
getting uncomfortable include dilated
pupils, freezing in place, arched back,
or hair standing on end.