

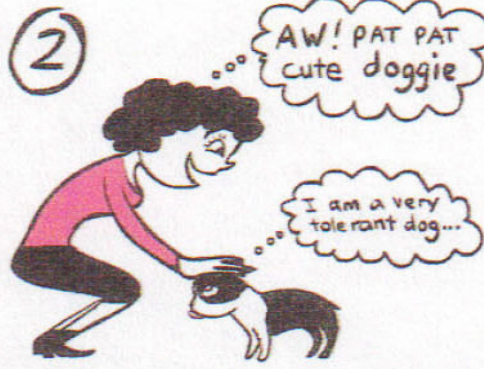
We recently happened upon Lili Chin's blog detailing the charming minutiae of life with her Boston, Boogie, (a video of his unwavering, single-minded focus on a tree containing a squirrel is funny, at least for we dog people, in its universalness; snaps of her pup cuddled into his new bed, adorable) and came across Lili's hilariously spot-on illustration of how NOT to greet a dog that we just had to share. Lili also has a Doggie Drawing project, in which she does custom pet portraits with 20 percent from each commission going to Boston Terrier rescue. We can think of more than a few people who would be delighted to receive a custom illustration as a gift. Check out her dog blog at boogiebt.wordpress.com and her Doggie Drawing project at doggiedrawings.net.

## HOW NOT TO GREET A DOG

*Most people do this stuff and it stresses dogs out so they BITE!  
I don't care how cute you (or your kid) think Boogie is. Please show him some respect.*



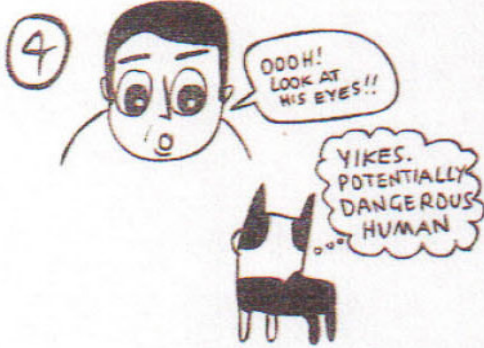
**DON'T**  
Lean over the dog & stick your hand in his face



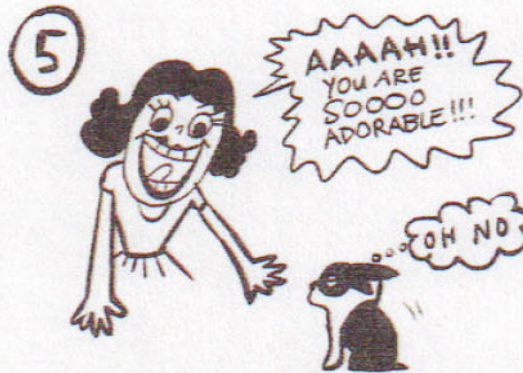
**DON'T**  
Lean over the dog & stick your hand on top of his head



**DON'T**  
Grab or Hug him



**DON'T**  
Stare him in the eye  
(This is an adversarial gesture)



**DON'T**  
Squeal or shout in his face



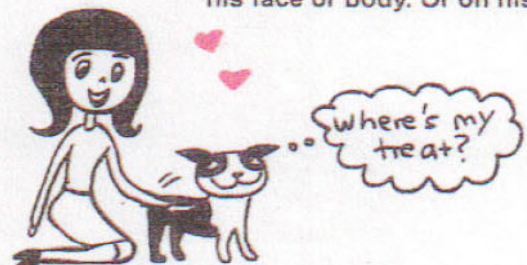
**DON'T**  
Grab his head and kiss it  
(This is an invasion of space)

*Doing this to a dog who doesn't know you is like a perfect stranger giving you a great big hug and kiss in an elevator. Wouldn't that creep you out? And wouldn't you have the right to defend yourself?*

## THE CORRECT WAY:



- \* No Eye contact
- \* Let the dog approach you in his own time
- \* Keep either your **SIDE** or **BACK** towards the dog (non-threatening posture)



- \* Pet or stroke him on the **SIDE** of his face or body. Or on his back.