



MISCELLANEOUS CYCLING TIPS

REACTING TO DOGS

Priorities

- Make sure that you do not hit the dog; you will fall and you might kill the dog
- Stay in control of the bike; if you panic then you might lose control and fall
- Try to not hurt yourself or the dog; you are just riding and he is just being a dog

Non-aggressive approach

- Continue pedaling and ride past the dog; he is protecting his territory and should stop
- Remember that some dogs bark and chase for fun with no intention of attacking
- The faster you and your feet are moving, the less likely you are of being bitten

Aggressive approach

- Yelling at the dog will usually startle the dog enough to get him to disengage
- Spray water from your waterbottle into his face; he'll get a drink and back off
- Physical violence and pepper spray should only be used in extreme cases

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