

SPRAY CAN DIPLOMACY

My right hand holds the lead;
the left holds pepper spray.
It is a lovely day
to take a dog to walk.

While other walkers gawk,
or meet us with blank stares
at my apparent need
to maintain our defense
by using pepper spray
I know that it makes sense
and just ignore their glares.

Until you've been attacked,
knocked down, and bit and chewed,
I have to doubt that you'd
appreciate the fact
spray canisters may be
the way to peace of mind.

Few people will agree,
but one day they may find,
as it was taught to me
by bad experience,
good reasons to dispense
Spray Can Diplomacy.

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