



DOG SAFETY

BE CALM

Avoid loud noises and games involving running or chasing, as they can cause distress to dogs

PROVIDE LOTS OF SPACE

Dogs do not enjoy big hugs and kisses, they feel trapped. Try cuddling with a teddy bear instead.

ALWAYS PLAY FAIRLY

Avoid teasing dogs with food, toys or games. We want you to have a positive relationship together.

LEAVE A DOG ALONE

Avoid disturbing a dog during rest or meal times as it can cause stress. We don't want them to be hangry!

BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR HANDS

Avoid approaching a dog's eyes, mouth, or ears with your hands, and do not pull or poke them as it can cause pain.

REMEMBER...

It's important to be considerate and act responsibly towards dogs, as they have feelings and needs that should be respected.

Still Like A Statue

What can you do if you DON'T want a dog to come near you?



**CROSS YOUR
ARMS OVER
YOUR CHEST**

**BE STILL
AND
QUIET**



**TURN YOUR HEAD
AWAY AND LOOK
AT SOMETHING
ELSE**

**WAIT UNTIL THE
DOG LOSES
INTEREST AND
MOVES AWAY.**

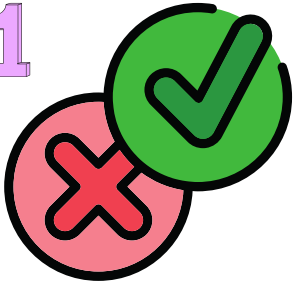


How To Greet An Unknown Dog

“ CAN I SAY HELLO TO YOUR DOG? ”

Follow these rules when you want to say hello to a dog you don't know.

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FIRST, ASK FOR CONSENT FROM THE DOG'S OWNER

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GET DOWN AT THEIR LEVEL SO YOU AREN'T LOOMING OVER THEM



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SECOND, ASK THE DOG. DO THEY WANT TO SAY HELLO?

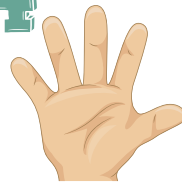
They might want to if:

- they lean into you
- walk over to you
- they have relaxed posture, mouth, ears and eyes



SOME DOGS MIGHT WANT TO SNIFF YOU BUT DON'T REALLY WANT TO BE TOUCHED

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DON'T PUT YOUR HANDS IN FRONT OF THEIR FACE

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LET THEM COME TO YOU

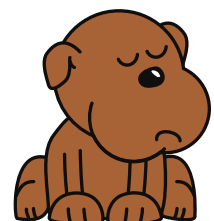


YELLOW JACKETS OR BANDANAS CAN MEAN A DOG IS NERVOUS OF PEOPLE OR DOGS



IF A DOG IS WAITING OUTSIDE A SHOP, CAN WE PET THEM?

DOGS WITHOUT HUMANS NEAR THEM SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE BECAUSE THEY MIGHT BE SCARED



The 123 Game

Play this game to find out if your dog is in the mood for a cuddle. Remember it's OK if sometimes they don't want to. No one wants cuddles all the time.



COUNT TO 3 AS YOU START TO STROKE OR CUDDLE YOUR DOG

AFTER 3, STOP AND OBSERVE YOUR DOG'S BEHAVIOUR



DOES YOUR DOG COME BACK FOR MORE? OR DO THEY WALK OFF AND DO SOMETHING ELSE?

SIGNS THEY'RE ENJOYING IT:

- relaxed, loose tongue
- almond shaped eyes
- soft and relaxed body posture
- coming right back for more cuddles
- neutral or helicopter wag
- they lean into you or curve their body asking for more

SIGNS THEY'RE NOT ENJOYING IT:

- ears pinned back
- whale eye
- whole body and/or head turned away
- tail tucked under body
- tense, closed mouth