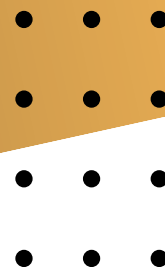




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# TEACHING DOGS TO GREET POLITELY

Does your dog frequently jump up on people? This handout will discuss why dogs behave this way and how to stop it.



## TRAINING AN ALTERNATE BEHAVIOR



### FOUR ON THE FLOOR

- Put the dog on a leash.
- Throw treats on the floor before the other person approaches.
- Have the other person approach and back away before the dog finishes eating.
- Repeat and slowly extend the time the person greets the dog.
- Over time phase out treats.

### SIT FOR GREETINGS

- Put the dog on a leash.
- Have the other person approach the dog.
- Ask your dog to sit.
- As the other person approaches if the dog stands up, have the person turn around with their back to the dog and walk away.
- Ask the dog to sit and re-approach again.
- If the dog sits while the other person greets them click and give a treat.
- Repeat until dog sits for greeting regularly.

**IMPORTANT: POLITE GREETING RULES NEED TO BE IN PLACE FOR ALL PEOPLE AND VISITORS IN THE HOME TO BE EFFECTIVE. DO NOT GIVE THE DOG ATTENTION WHILE JUMPING.**



## WHY DO DOGS JUMP?

*Dogs crave attention from humans and will often attempt to get up on eye level to say hello.*

*From the dogs point of view it allows them to make a better connection. However this behavior is very frustrating from the humans point of view since it can result in scratches, dirty clothes, and can even be dangerous for seniors and children.*

