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"Unleash Your Potential"

How to Greet a Dog

Be Smart and Safe: As easy as 1, 2, 3...



Greet dogs that are:

Alert,
Calm,
Happy,
Quiet,
Responsive,
Relaxed leash...



2) Say Hello to the Dog by Allowing a Sniff

After getting permission from the owner to greet their dog, ask the dog by showing the dog your fist for a sniff. Allowing a dog to sniff your fist is like saying "hello" in dog language and helps dogs feel safer around you.

Do NOT greet dogs that are:

Alone,
Barking,
Eating,
Growling,
Guarding,
Jumping,
Pulling on leash.



Remember L.A.S.T. = Look, Ask, Show, Touch

1) Look then Ask the Owner to Say Hi

When you see a dog on a leash with their owner, first look at the dog's body language to see if it is friendly and okay to approach. Remember to walk up slowly instead of running. Always ask the owner for permission to pet the dog before greeting the dog. Ask, "May I please pet your dog?"

Remember that a relaxed leash, ears, eyes, tail, stance, and muzzle are the clues to solve the should I greet this canine puzzle.



3) Gentle Petting After Dog Greets with a Sniff

Once the dog has said hello with a sniff and seems comfortable, slowly and gently reach under their chin to pat them on the chest or neck. Keep an eye on the dog's body language. Walk away. Do not run.

How can you tell if a dog is safe to meet you?

