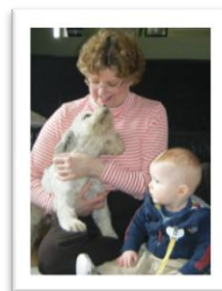


Jumping Up

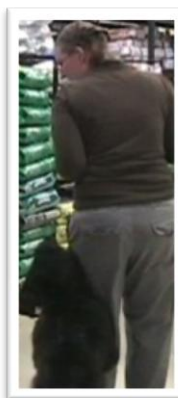
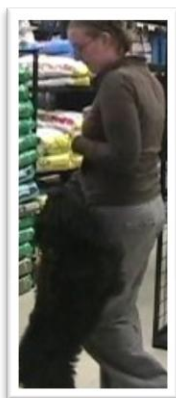
Dogs naturally like to greet people at face level and they jump up on people to gain access. After all, that is how dogs greet other dogs. Normally, when two dogs are greeting, they sniff each other's faces, move down the rears, and then come back to sniff each other's faces again.



People don't like it when dogs jump up for lots of reasons: because it gets our clothes dirty, because their claws can scratch us, because it can knock us over, and because it is an invasion of our personal space. Since it is natural for a dog to jump up, people have to actively teach dogs to greet people without jumping up.

Teach your dog not to jump on you and your family.

Don't praise or pat your dog for jumping up on you. Instead, turn away each time they jump up (see pictures below). Resume praising and patting once your dog is on the floor. Please do not expect your dog to learn to jump up only on you and not other people. This is not easy to teach as your dog spends most of his time learning manners from interacting with you.



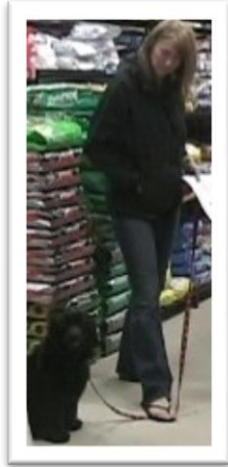
Other methods like: kneeling your dog in the chest, pinching his toes when he jumps up, or shouting without instruction (no, no, no!) can be somewhat successful for teaching a dog not to jump up, however, it confuses your dog about how they are *supposed* to greet you. Even if your dog learns not to jump up, a friendly dog can learn to be wary or unfriendly of people when taught with these methods.

Out and about.

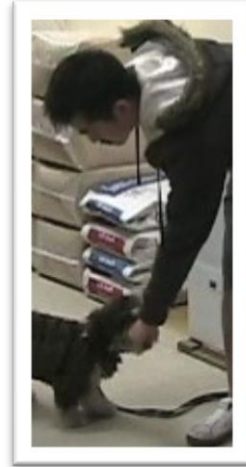
People who don't own dogs cannot be expected to learn to turn away from your dog when he jumps up. Also some people actively like jumping which sends your dog mixed messages. When you run into people on the street who want to greet your dog, *you* must prevent your dog from jumping up. Here are three strategies:



Hold the collar.



Step on the leash.

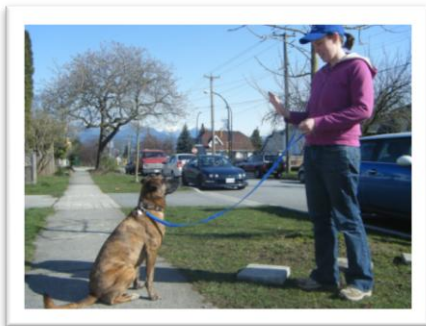


Distract your dog with treats.

Which one works best for you?

For advanced learners:

One you have control over the above basics, you will also want to teach your dog a sit-stay. Instructing your dog to "Sit and Stay" while you pat them is helpful in teaching your dog to greet people without jumping up.



Start with this formula:

1. "Sit" and "Stay" (use a hand signal).
2. Pat your dog.
3. Treat or praise your dog while they sit.
4. Use "OK" to release your dog. Do not give your dog a treat for releasing. Treats are only for staying while being patted!

Troubleshooting:

If your dog gets up when you pat them, don't give your dog a treat, but try again! If your dog gets up after he eats the treat (but before you issue the "OK", have him sit again and release him to complete his stay. No additional treats required! Happy Training!



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