












# DOOR MANNERS

The point of this is to have a dog that waits politely at the door before going through it. Just like everything else, this is something we can accomplish with patience.

-  Put your dog into the sit position in front of the door
-  Hold your finger up firmly, in a “wait” gesture before reaching for the knob. If your dog gets up, put your hand back down and begin again
-  Once you are able to reach the knob without your dog getting up, begin opening the door
-  If your dog gets up, close the door and begin again from the beginning

The goal is to be able to open the door all the way without your dog getting up and going through it. **Make sure that you use your clicker and reward your dog** for sitting still. It may take many repetitions before you are able to even turn the knob without starting again, just make sure you keep your dog’s interest and reward their efforts!

Some dogs absolutely will not let you open the door before they jump through it. If that is the case for you, use this alternate technique.

-  Start by practicing inside, with a leash on your dog, and a door that doesn’t have any windows
-  Tell your dog to sit, then give them the hand signal to wait before opening the door
-  If your dog rushes through the door before you, close the door with the leash stuck between
-  Give your dog a few seconds to realize that you’re not on the other side of the door with them
-  Open the door, bring your dog back to your side and try it again



After a few repetitions of this, your dog will learn to pay attention to what you are doing before rushing through a door. Then proceed to the original practice.