





# SIT POLITELY FOR PETTING


When you are out walking your dog and a stranger approaches you, asking to pet them, does your dog jump all over the person? Sitting for petting teaches your dog that if they want any sort of attention, they must be sitting politely to get it. There are several steps for getting your dog to sit politely:


 Ask a family member or friend to assist with training. Your assistant **MUST** be someone your dog likes and wants to greet. **Your dog should never be forced to greet someone who scares him.**


 Give your dog the "sit" command.

 The greeter approaches you and your dog. If your dog stands up, the greeter immediately turns and walks away


 Ask your dog to "sit," and have the greeter approach again.


 Keep repeating until your dog remains seated as the greeter approaches. If your dog does remain seated, the greeter can give your dog a treat as a reward and begin petting them


 **As soon as your dog stands up**, tell the greeter to pull away from your dog and stop petting them

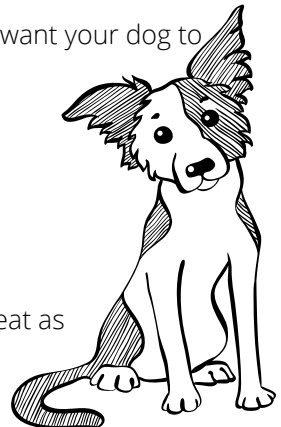
 When you encounter someone while out walking your dog, you must manage the situation and train your dog at the same time.

Stop the person from approaching by telling them you don't want your dog to jump on them

 Hand the person a treat.

 Ask your dog to "sit."

 Tell the person he can pet your dog and give him the treat as long as your dog remains seated.



Some people will tell you they don't mind if your dog jumps on them, especially if your dog is small and fluffy or a puppy. But you should mind. **Remember you need to be consistent in training. If you don't want your dog to jump on people, stick to your training and don't make exceptions.** An easy way to help people understand is to let them know that you're trying to teach your dog manners and **do not allow them to pet your dog unless the dog is sitting.**

**A note about this behavior:**

Some dogs get overly excited when people are approaching. If this is the case, tell your greeter to approach slowly, with their head turned to the side so they are not looking directly at your dog. Additionally, you can ask your greeter to approach your dog quietly.

