How to Greet a Dog

How greeting a dog is similar to greeting a person.
Try to follow these rules when greeting a dog to avoid any negative interactions.







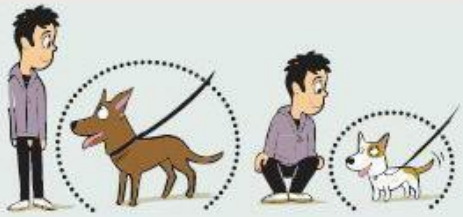




Avoid looming over



Avoid leaning over or towards dogs even when you change position to squat or get up



Stay outside the dog's bubble and present your side to the dog.



Avoid reaching into personal space



Avoid reaching your hand out for the dog to sniff



Let the dog approach at his own rate



Avoid close interaction if the person is afraid of you



Avoid petting if the dog looks nervous or tense. Just admire him instead.



It's OK to pet the dog if he looks relaxed, comes up to you, and solicits your attention by rubbing against you.



Avoid touching inappropriately



This is too familiar and often disliked by dogs.



Pet gently