



Car/Vehicle/Bike Reactivity

Some dogs react to dogs, some to people and some to anything else that moves, like cars and bikes. The way we work with this depends on the reason for the reaction. If the dog is reacting to the stimulus out of fear, try some desensitization techniques (those can be found in the desensitization resource). Remember to move very slowly and offer rewards accordingly.

If the dog enjoys reacting to those things, try utilizing some walking techniques like Loose Leash Walking (Available in the walking technique resource) to show him/her that walking nicely is MORE rewarding than chasing the vehicles.

If your dog is reacting out of frustration, you can try walking techniques like a working walk, or you may need to seek professional help. You can also check out the Destructive Behaviour Resource as it has information on working with frustrated dogs.

Support:

Our Behaviour Support Team can help to provide resources and tips if you experience concerns in the home environment. With your adoption the GTHS will provide an over the phone consultation in order to provide you with tips and resources to set your new dog up for success. In all cases of dog adoptions, the GTHS recommends hiring a professional dog training or behavioural consultant to ensure your relationship with your new dog starts off on the right paw! A list of local trainers is enclosed in your adoption package.

Our Behaviour Support Team can be reached at behaviour@gths.ca

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