



## JUMPING UP

As your adoption counselor discussed with you, your dog likes to jump on people! This means that your dog may be more likely to jump up on people than other dogs.

### The Plan:

- Set your dog (and your guests) up for success when you are meeting new people.
- Always introduce your new dog to people on a leash – YES! In the home as well!
- Once you've come accustomed to your dog's body language it is best that you are able to keep your dog from making contact with your guest (using the leash) until they present calm behaviour.

### The Practice

- If your dog is readily seeking attention from your guest (aka is not avoiding or shy of) ask your dog to sit and stay when they are approximately 3 feet from your guest. Consider factors such as – does my dog know how to sit? Can my dog stay when there *isn't* a stimulant present? If the answer is no to either of these questions....
- **Start here;** Simply keep your dog from accessing your guest by holding them back using the leash. Once your dog can focus during these situations *then* begin to ask your dog for a stay or sit and stay.
- Once your dog is calm, release them from their stay using their release word. **Walk your dog up to your guest on leash** to say hello.
- If your dog attempts to jump up on your guest after you've released them, tell them OFF and redirect them back into a stay (or sit and stay). Repeat this step until your dog is able to greet your guest calmly (and without jumping up).
- When your dog begins to automatically practice a sit or stay *without* your direction, you can depend on just your verbal directions rather than depending on the leash.

### 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](mailto:behaviour@gths.ca)

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