

How Do I Stop a Dog From Jumping on People?

How can you stop a dog from jumping on people? Indeed, a dog's overly affectionate or aggressive behavior can be very worrisome. You don't want to scold your dog for being friendly. However, you must lay down the rules of your house or else your dog will start jumping on whomever he pleases! What are some dog obedience training tips that can help you control your best canine friend?

First of all, try and understand why it is that dogs jump in the first place. It might be genuine affection, and of course, some dogs are either too big or too small to meet a new friend face on. Therefore, they jump in a welcoming spirit. At the same time, some dogs are actually showing dominance when they exhibit this behavior. He is essentially saying "I am the pack leader!" and will continue to intimidate his way to the top of the family chain. This behavior must be stopped immediately by applying discipline or by seeking out obedience training for dogs in class.

Here are some tips to remember. First, do not let your dog get too overly excited when you first come home. The law of the alpha states that you, as the superior, should not greet him when you first enter the home. If the dog jumps around uncontrollably then squirt him with a water bottle or do something else distracting that basically tells the dog what he is doing is unacceptable. Do not immediately introduce the dog to new visitors. Wait about 15 minutes in all circumstances.

Next, when training a puppy or full-grown dog, try and meet the dog at his level as often as possible. This may mean stooping down whenever affection is called for. This eliminates his need to jump to reach you. Remember to praise him for good behavior, in this case, for not jumping.

Avoid roughing house because this sends a mixed message to the dog, who is struggling to learn your manners. Teach your dog the "sit!" command, and this will help to ensure that he remains calm and welcoming without being too aggressive or overly welcoming. You could also attempt an "off!" command, which involves communicating an open-mouthed snarl with teeth showing and strong eye contact. You are communicating in dog language here, as this open mouth snarl is a natural signal used by adult dogs to their puppies, which suggests that, they had better calm down.

Remember to remain consistent when teaching dogs obedience. You can love your dog and retain control of your household!