

up unless commanded. I could really use your help, so please do not pet him or even acknowledge him unless he is holding his “stay” command”.

For the slow-learner, jumping set-ups are in order. On a week-end or vacation day, arrange for a friend, neighbor, or relative to ring your doorbell every 10-15 minutes for several hours. Each time, put your dog on a leash, place him in a “down” or “sit-stay” position and open the door. Sometimes, giving the dog a place such as a small foyer rug, helps him to focus on his job – “go to your place and lie down”. Your visitor can give your pup a treat or a tickle if he is behaving but would ignore him completely if he were not.

Once the dog is under control, the visitor leaves, only to return again in another 10-15 minutes. This goes on until Rover understands that his job is to stay put until he is told to do otherwise.

### **What Not To Do:**

Remember that your dog is your friend and companion, there is no need to knee him in the chest, squeeze his front paws until he is frantic (by the way, this often leads to a more serious behavior

problem like mouthing), or stepping on his back feet.

Teaching him the acceptable behavior and rewarding him for carrying it out enables you to be a fair, kindhearted leader, the type every dog needs.

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## How to Control Jumping Dogs



- Does Your Dog Pounce On People When They Come To Visit
- Do You Avoid People When Walking Your Dog
- It Is Time To Take Control Of Your Dog's Jumping Problem

## Now Is The Time To Take Control!

Do you find it necessary to lock your dog in another room before inviting friends and relatives in, so their clothing remains intact and their hips and wrists remain unbroken? Do you walk your pet at odd hours of the day and night to avoid meeting another living soul on the sidewalk? If so, it sounds like you have a jumping problem.

Jumping problems are most often found in dogs 6 to 18 months old; Toy, Terrier and Sporting breeds such as; Italian Greyhounds, Poodles, Jack Russells and Labs are notorious jumpers. These are dominant, willful dogs. The Rottweiler will put his feet on your shoulders to better stare you in the eye or the Pit Bull that uses you like a basketball backboard. Peak jumping behavior is observed around the high points of your dog's day; mealtime, your home coming, walk time (usually as soon as he sees the leash) and when friends and relatives come to call. This problem can be solved by calm, consistent training. The proper amount of exercise for your dog's breed would be a great help. Lack of exercise leads to an out-of-control

animal who could not focus on a command if he wanted to.

### What To Do?

- Give the behavior a name, so you can turn it on and off. A "paws up" or "feet up" can suffice. Teach your dog how to jump up on command, then add the word "NO" as in "no paws up" to let the dog know you do not want him to jump up.
  - Give the dog something else to do. Obedience training is a strong plus when trying to get a jumping problem under control. A dog holding a sit or down-stay command is not a jumping dog. When placing the dog in a sit or down-stay position, avoid pushing, shoving, flapping your arms or other fast, excitable movements, along with raising your vocal tone or whining. All extra movement will feed the dog's excitability. Here is a situation where the old Bauhaus motto, "Less is More" really applies.
  - To aid the dog in holding his "sit" or "down" when visitors arrive, put him on a leash before opening the door; this way, you have a means of correction at your finger tips.
- For a bouncing maniac, give him just enough leash to do a sit or down-stay and **step** on the rest. If the dog attempts to move, he will experience a collar correction. This may not work for a 100lb. woman with a 200lb. dog, but it works well with small and medium sized dogs.
  - Be consistent. Never let the dog jump up without being asked. A dog cannot distinguish between dirty, old blue jeans and a designer suit. He will not be able to tell which days it is okay to jump on you just by what you are wearing or what the weather is like.
  - Be consistent with strangers. Do not let someone confuse your dog by stopping you in mid-correction by their crooning, "It's OK, I just love dogs", while kissing and stroking your pet. This is rewarding him for his bad behavior. There is nothing wrong with asking people not to pet your dog *unless* he is on a "stay" command. Guests to your home are no exception. Warn them beforehand. Say "I am training my dog not to jump