

HOW TO GREET A DOG (AND WHAT TO AVOID)

Appropriate greetings are common sense. Imagine if someone greeted you the way many people greet dogs!

Human to Human INCORRECT



Avoid reaching into their safety zone



Avoid rushing up



Avoid interactions without asking



Avoid staring at people. This is scary



Avoid leaning over



Avoid reaching into personal space



Avoid close interaction if the person is afraid of you

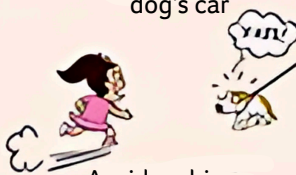


Avoid touching inappropriately

Human to Dog INCORRECT



Avoid reaching in towards the dog's car



Avoid rushing up



Avoid interacting with unfamiliar dogs, especially if they're fed up



Avoid staring or approaching head-on



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



Avoid reaching your hand out for the dog to sniff



Avoid petting if the dog looks nervous or tense.



Avoid hugging, kissing and petting roughly. This is disliked by many dogs

Human to Dog CORRECT



Stand a safe distance away so that you are not a threat



Approach slowly (at a relaxed walk)



Ask if you can interact



Approach sideways and look using your peripheral vision



Stay outside the dogs bubble and present your side to the dog



Let the dog approach at its own rate



Its OK to pet the dog if he looks relaxed, comes up to you and solicits attention by rubbing against you



Pet gently

