# How to Greet a Dog and What to Avoid

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Illustrations by Lili Chin ©2011 Dr.Sophia Yin, DVM, MS Appropriate greetings are common sense. Imagine if someone greeted you the way many people greet dogs!

Lessons you'll learn in this book:

- 🚺 Don't approach dogs in cars.
- 2 Approach slowly and calmly when meeting a new dog.
- Output: Ask for permission when greeting a dog.
- Avoid staring at unfamiliar dogs or approaching head on.
- Don't loom over a dog you are just meeting.
- **6** Avoid reaching into a dog's personal space.
- 7 Avoid interacting if a dog looks scared.
- 3 Touch and pet a dog gently.

# Don't approach dogs in cars.

When greeting a person in a car, you wouldn't reach in...

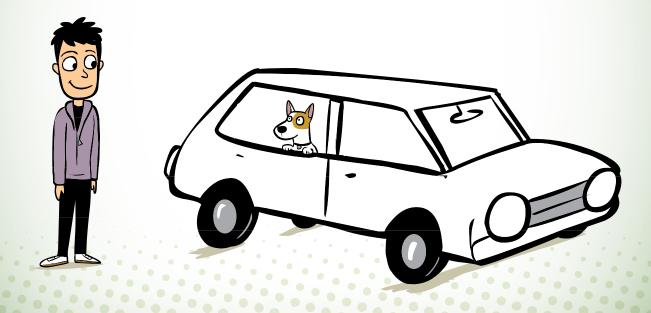


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...so avoid reaching in or toward a dog in a car.

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





# Approach slowly and calmly when meeting a new dog.

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# It can be scary when someone rushes up to you...





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...and alarming to dogs too.

# Approach slowly, at a relaxed walk.





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# Ask for permission when greeting a dog.

# Interacting without asking permission can be unwelcome.



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

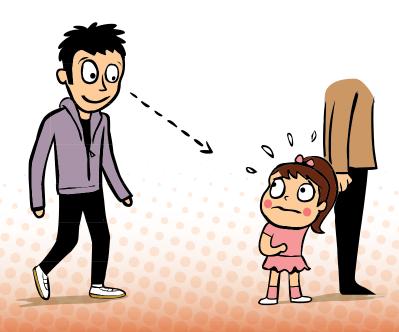
## Ask first if you can interact.



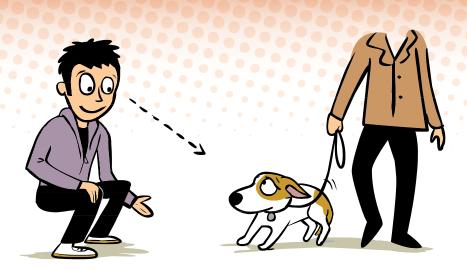
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# Avoid staring at unfamiliar dogs or approaching head on.

#### Staring can make people feel uncomfortable...



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...and it's the same with dogs. Avoid staring or approaching a dog head-on.

## Approach sideways and look at the dog using your peripheral vision.





# Don't loom over a dog you are just meeting.

#### Hovering over someone can make them scared..

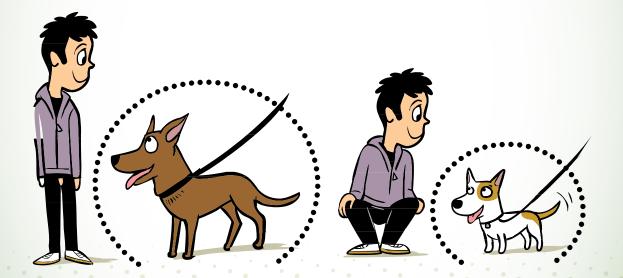


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...so with dogs, avoid leaning over them, especially when you change positions or move.

### Stay outside the dog's bubble and present your side to the dog.





# Avoid reaching into a dog's personal space.

Reaching into someone's personal space can be rude...



#### INCORRECT



...so avoid reaching your hand out to a dog, even if it's to let them sniff.

# Present your side to the dog and let him approach at his own rate.





# Avoid interacting if a dog looks scared.

When a thoughtful person senses fear in another person, they give her space rather than continuing to approach like this...



#### INCORRECT



Do the same and avoid petting or reaching for a dog that looks nervous or tense.

### It's OK to pet a dog if he looks relaxed, comes up to you and rubs against you.



### CORRECT

# Touch and pet a dog gently.

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Not all types of touching are wanted or welcomed by people.



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With many dogs, hugging, kissing, and patting roughly can be too familiar and disliked.

### Pet gently.



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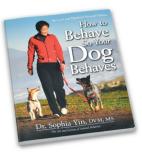
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