



GREETING A DOG *(even your own!)*

These are common actions of dog lovers when greeting a dog. Your own dog may tolerate these actions from you, but he probably doesn't like them!



- 🐾 Don't stare into a dog's eyes, especially if he doesn't know you
- 🐾 Don't become excited or loud when saying hello to a dog
- 🐾 Don't lean over a dog and put your hand in front of his face
- 🐾 Don't lean over a dog and touch him on the top of his head
- 🐾 Don't grab a dog and hug or kiss him

Through a dog's eyes, these actions crowd their space and can be threatening. Some dogs will bite in response.

THE CORRECT WAY TO GREET A DOG YOU DON'T KNOW:

- No eye contact.
- Turn so that your side or back is facing the dog to appear less threatening.
- Wait for the dog to approach you.
- When he does, pet him on the side of his face, body or on his back.

