

DOG-DOG MEET & GREETINGS

Helping your dog get it right.

Meeting on leash can be stressful for many dogs. Leashes restrict natural greeting movements, and also prevent dogs from moving farther away when they're feeling uncomfortable hence many dogs have had bad experiences and are not eager to meet others while on leash. To help your dog have good experiences, follow how to below.

Meet & Greet How To.

1. **Decide if it's a good time for a meet & greet or whether it might be better to pass by.**

Look at your dog—does she look interested? Comfortable?

Relaxed? Excited but not frantic? These are good signs. Look at the other dog. If either dog seems to be shying away or trying to avoid contact, or appear intensely fixated on the other, take a pass.

Look at the owner, too—do they seem comfortable? If they appear tense or nervous, there may be a reason and it might be better to pass.

2. **If you decide you'd like to try to say hello**, ask the owner of the other dog if they are willing.
3. **Approach the other dog with a loose leash and calm, cheerful demeanor.** Use happy talk to encourage your dog through the greeting.
4. **Keep those feet moving and remember the leash ballet!** We don't want tangled leashes.
5. **After 3 seconds, cheerfully tell your dog "Let's go!"** turn and walk your dog away.



If you'd rather pass.....

- Use happy talk and treats to keep your dog focused on you as you pass by.
- Distance helps—if your dog needs extra help passing his fellow canines, keep an active scan on the environment and give other dogs a wider berth.



Helpful Tips: Check out the following links and more collected on the Wag the Dog and Company website. [Dog Leash Etiquette](#) and [How to Protect Yourself From 'All Dogs Love Me Guy'](#)