



# Beggin' to Behave Dog Training

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### Dogs who Don't Like Visitors

If your dog is hard to control, even on a leash, it is best to muzzle your dog if possible.

Visitors should not attempt to touch, talk to, or make eye contact with the dog

1. It is often more 'acceptable' to have the visitor and the dog meet on the street outside the home
2. Go for a short walk if possible, even if only ½ block and back

It may help for the visitor to provide super high value treats to the dog

3. Have the visitor enter the home first and then the owner with the dog
4. Keep the dog leashed during the visit
6. Family members should refrain from petting the dog (or even talking to her in a cajoling manner) when company is there so that she doesn't feel encouraged to continue the behavior
7. If her barking or aggressive behavior gets to be too much, remove her from the room for a few minutes and crate her (give her a Kong or something to calm her down) you can also break up the behavior in the act by making the 'Eh-Eh' sound and/or standing in between her and the visitor
8. Have visitors use Calming signals (head turns, yawn, lip licks, and slow blinks)
9. Do not use dominance as a way to 'intimidate' your dog to stop the behavior as it may make it worse
10. Let the dog come to people to meet them when she is comfortable doing so.

When that happens, visitors can pet her anywhere but on the face (under the neck, chest, and ribs are favorite spots to pet)