

The Say Please Program

Goal: This program creates and maintains positive relationships with people, in a non-confrontational manner, by teaching the dog to sit (or perform another trained behavior) in order to gain access to what it wants. A dog who sits every time he wants something (ie, attention) is vastly preferable to most adopters over a dog that hasn't learned to say please, and jumps up or barks when they want something

General Rules:

- 🦷 All dogs should learn to sit (link out) prior to participating in the Say Please Program
- 🦷 The dog must obey a command ('say please') before it gets anything that it wants.
- 🦷 Ignore all undesirable behavior: the dog gets NO attention when it is barking, jumping, or doing anything else to demand attention
- 🦷 Dog must sit before
 - Mealtimes
 - Putting on harness or head collar to go outside
 - Putting on leash to go outside
 - Exiting kennel
 - Exiting doors to outside
 - Being greeted and petted
 - Being allowed off leash in yard
 - Gains access to ball or toy during retrieve, tug, and chase games
- 🦷 Do NOT require that the dog sit before doing things that it does NOT want
 - Going back indoors
 - Going back in the kennel