

Training for Shelter Dogs

“Greeting” (jumping up and pawing)

When a dog jumps up and places his paws on you, he is seeking your attention. If you push him down or “knee” him in the chest, or give him a verbal warning, he is still getting your attention, even if it is negative attention.

- **The best response is to turn away without saying anything, or touching the dog.**

The dog may attempt to continue jumping on you, but will quickly realize this isn't getting your attention, which is his desired outcome.

Key Point:

- **Four on the Floor Rule**

The key is to reward the dog the moment all four paws are on the floor, catching the desired behaviour immediately as it happens. Four on the floor , click or “yes” cue, and treat.