

SPACE ETIQUETTE FOR DOGS

To: People with "Friendly Dogs", Off-Leash Dogs, & Retractable Leash Dogs

MY DOG IS FRIENDLY!!!



MY DOG IS NOT FRIENDLY

PLEASE CALL YOUR DOG!

MY DOG IS CONTAGIOUS (LIE)

MY DOG HAS ISSUES

MY DOG IS IN TRAINING

MY DOG IS SCARED OF OTHER DOGS

TRAPPED!



IT'S OK! MY DOG LOVES EVERYBODY!



SORRY, MY DOG IS STRESSED

MY DOG WILL REACT

PLEASE CALL YOUR DOG AWAY

LET'S GO!

STIFF



MY DOG WAS ONLY BEING FRIENDLY!

GRRR!!!



NEWSFLASH: Running up to another dog and ignoring requests to go away is not "friendly", it is rude. Just like people, DOGS NEED PERSONAL SPACE. If a stranger came up and put his hand on your body, you'd be allowed to step back, yell, and push him away. Dogs have the same right to enforce their boundaries. Some dogs are called "reactive" because they are more sensitive than others. Reactive dogs are good dogs, they just need more distance and compassionate training. You can help them by honoring their need for personal space.

1. NEVER LET YOUR OFF-LEASH DOG GO UP TO AN ON-LEASH DOG.
2. LOCK RETRACTABLE LEASHES WHEN YOU SEE OTHER DOGS.
3. ASK BEFORE APPROACHING OR PETTING ANY DOG.
4. HAVE COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE WITH SHY OR REACTIVE DOGS.

CAN MY DOG SAY "HI"?

SORRY NO, I HAVE A DOG THAT NEEDS SPACE. THANK YOU.

Please do not chase us. Let us pass without interaction, and keep your judgements to yourself.