

**How to Stop Dog
Aggression:
A Step-By-Step Guide
to Handling
Aggressive Dog
Behavior Problem**

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Introduction

Worst-case scenario for dog owners is that your dog will harm another dog or harm a person. Even a normally calm dog can be aggressive if they feel afraid or threatened.

As a dog owner, you are responsible for all that your dog does, you will be responsible for taking care of the consequences of his actions if he causes harm.

Sometimes, if your dog is normally calm dog, the beginning signs of aggressiveness are ignored.

The owner might think it is just a fluke or that it will not happen again.

Any sign of aggressive behavior is a cause of concern and should be addressed immediately.

If you ignore the first sign of aggressive behavior, it can only continue to get worse, until either it is out of control, or somebody gets hurt.

Many pet owners who do have a dog that shows signs of aggression just think that by keeping the dog away from other people and pets that it is okay.

They feel that their dog will not turn that aggressive behavior towards them. The fact is that an aggressive dog can turn on its owner, just another reason to curb aggressive behavior before it becomes a problem.

If left unchecked, it could result in you being fearful of your own dog.

No dog owner should ever be fearful about his or her own pet and if the behavior is corrected early on, that stage will not happen.

For your sake, and for the sake of those around, start working to correct aggressive behavior when it manifests, do not wait until it has become a problem.

Nearly all aggression is due to an underlying cause and when you know the cause, you can treat the aggression.

If your dog is showing signs of aggression, you need to be a responsible owner and take steps right away.

Until you have corrected the aggressive behavior, even if it is just occasional behavior, you should keep your dog away from people and other pets just to be safe. You can never be too cautious when dealing with an aggressive dog.

If you are having just the beginnings of aggressive behavior being shown by your dog, consider training your dog in basic obedience commands.

A trained dog is a dog that is easier to control, and when a dog reacts to your commands, it means that they recognize you as their pack master and you have their respect.

A well-timed command can put an end to the beginning of aggressive behavior and a trained dog is a confident dog.

If your dog is aggressive out of insecurity, training is a great way to manage it.

Always work with your dog calmly. If you become loud or move suddenly towards your dog, your dog will consider that aggressive behavior and will react with even more aggression.

Your dog picks up on your signals, so if you are agitated, they will be agitated as well, always remain calm.

Do You Have an Aggressive Dog?

Since you have picked up this book, you probably either know or suspect that your dog might be aggressive.

However, since dogs can play rough, is your dog really being aggressive or is the dog just burning off extra energy?

Dogs are pack animals and like all pack animals, there is an alpha dog, the pack leader. If you let the dog feel like he is the pack leader, it can lead to aggressive behavior because the dog will feel that what he says goes.

Even an occasional sign of aggression is not to be treated lightly because left untended to; it can become a big problem.

Fixing your dog's aggression now is the best way to handle it.

Our methods will help if your dog is already aggressive or just starting to show signs.

Dog aggression is not going to be a fast fix, you will need to invest time, energy, and patience into curing aggression, but this is your

dog, your companion and he is your responsibility.

We applaud you for wanting to help your dog instead of giving up on him.

By working with him, you can cure the aggression, get your loving companion back, and not have to worry about any possible problems.

Never be aggressive with your dog, no yelling or physical punishment. Moreover, if you have a dog with aggressive tendencies then do not encourage play-aggression.

Here are some of the behaviors that an aggressive dog will exhibit:

Curled lips or baring their teeth

Growling

Snarling

Snapping at people or other dogs

Lunging at people or other dogs

Biting – even lightly biting where the skin is not broken is still an act of aggression

Barking excessively

Blocking the way of somebody or another dog

If your dog's behavior causes you to worry or feel anxious, then you are likely dealing with an aggressive dog.

You should not fear your own dog, and if you do, your dog will sense that and use it to his advantage.

Remember, you should be the pack leader, not your dog and your dog will sense your fear and use it to establish himself as the dominate dog in the household.

Training for aggressive dogs will help establish or re-establish that you are the alpha dog, the pack master and the dominate one in the house.

You deserve the peace of mind that your pet will not cause harm and we will give that back to you.

If you have a dog that growls excessively, perhaps when you play with them or even during dinnertime they will growl.

That is aggressive dog behavior and should not be encouraged. Sure, it is cute when you are play fighting with your puppy and they give their little growls but that just teaches them that growling is okay, and it is not so cute when an adult dog does it.

With training, you can teach your dog that growling when unnecessary or growling excessively is not allowed and that it will not be allowed to get away with it.

Biting is an outright act of aggression. A dog can bite out of fear, if you reach towards a dog who is exhibiting signs of fear; you are likely to get bit.

Biting, even lightly is not to be tolerated and training to stop biting should begin immediately.

A dog that bites once is very likely to bite again, but you do not have to give up your dog!

Training will usually help cure your dog of their biting habit.

Some triggers for aggressive behavior:

Somebody walks by the dog while the dog is eating or another animal gets too close to the food bowl

Trying to retrieve food that was dropped on the floor

Trying to retrieve food that a dog has taken from the table, plate or counter

Attempting to get a dog to stop taking trash from the trash can

When somebody enters the room the dog is in

Walking too close to the dog's bed

Trying to pull a fearful dog out from under a bed or from a closet

Handling the dog

Somebody roughhouses with the dog

The dog is being teased by somebody

Pulling the dog's tail or their ears

Attempting to retrieve something that the dog has that it shouldn't (a shoe or slipper perhaps)

If somebody takes one of the dog's toys, or another animal takes one of the dog's toys

Somebody approaches the front door that the dog does not know

Follows or chases strangers that are in the yard, such as delivery people or mailman

Snapping or lunging at people in the yard or house

Whenever a stranger approaches

Seeing another dog or animal

Being handled by anybody other than the owner, or even their owner

Chasing things – cars, bikes, skateboards

Standing over a sleeping dog, or hovering over a sitting dog

Waking up a sleeping dog

Trying to put on a collar or harness

Trying to get the dog either in or out of the car

Attempting to medicate the dog

Moving the dog from a place in the house it is not supposed to be

Sudden movement made around the dog

Something loud scares the dog – fireworks, thunder, car backfires, loud motorcycle