

LEASH REACTIVITY



What is leash reactivity?

Dogs will often bark and lunge or pull towards other dogs and sometimes people when they are tethered to a leash. Another behavior known as barrier frustration is similar and occurs when dogs are separated by fences. Both behaviors can be easily changed with training and management.

Here's how we can help our leash reactive dogs:

- 🐾 Manage the behavior by preventing it from recurring and becoming stronger.
 - Avoid trouble areas where other dogs will trigger a reaction.
 - Develop your timing so that you can intervene before your dog is triggered.
 - Hide and use objects like cars, trees and houses to obstruct your dog's view.
 - Use an EasyWalk harness to gain more control and confidence.
 - Prevent barking indoors using gates, doors or window film.
 - Utilize splitting.
 - Stand on leash and ignore when all goes wrong. No pulling.
 - Redefine the walk.
- 🐾 Train your dog to perform a conflicting behavior, like looking at you. These skills will be helpful in achieving our goal of your dog not barking at other dogs on leash.
 - Eye contact
 - Name response
 - U-turn
 - Follow
 - Recall
 - Spot the dog!
- 🐾 Use desensitization and counter conditioning to create a positive association.
 - Create distance between your dog and other dogs and people
 - Use super high-value treats to create a positive association when your dog sees people and dogs.