

# SPLITTING



## What is splitting?

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.