



## LESSON: Park It People Greeting

**Goal:** This strategy can be used for people-social dogs to prevent jumping during a greeting when you have a planned visitor at the house or are out on a walk.

- 1) Leash up your pup and attach the leash to the chest or front clip.
- 2) "Park" your pup by stepping on the leash. You want the dog to have enough room to sit, lie down and stand- but not enough to jump. (There should be NO tension on the leash).
- 3) Fill your treat hand with several treats (7+) and be prepared to rapidly feed your dog at nose height for all good/calm choices which include: four paws on the floor, quiet, eye contact with you, loose leash, sitting, and lying down.
- 4) Ask your guest/friendly stranger to approach but stop within 4-6 feet of the dog.
- 5) Once your dog sees the guest begin marking "yes" and rewarding generously for all calm choices.
- 6) If your pup is successful at 4-6ft then the guest can start to approach slowly, one step at a time. You will continue to mark and reward generously for calm choices. If your dog jumps then the guest backs up/goes away.
- 7) Once a successful visit (no jumping) is complete, you can "un-park" the puppy by removing your foot from the leash and give your dog praise for being polite.

\*\*\*Never tether a fearful dog\*\*\*