

Incompatible Behaviors

Asking your dog for a behavior which is incompatible to the behavior they are giving will help you quickly resolve unwanted behaviors.



For example, if your dog has an active mouth, ask him for a behavior that gets his mouth busy. Or if a dog is constantly putting his paws up, interrupt the behavior then ask them to do something that keeps their paws on the floor, like going in circles or practicing push up's.

Incompatible behaviors can include distraction exercises (Touch, Watch, Find it, Circle, Downward Dog, etc) basic behaviors, or more advanced behaviors. And always remember, if your pup won't take a high-value treat, they're probably stressed out – get them some distance!

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FIXING PROBLEM BEHAVIORS IN DOGS



HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY INTERRUPT AND REDIRECT YOUR DOG DURING PROBLEM BEHAVIORS

#1 INTERRUPT

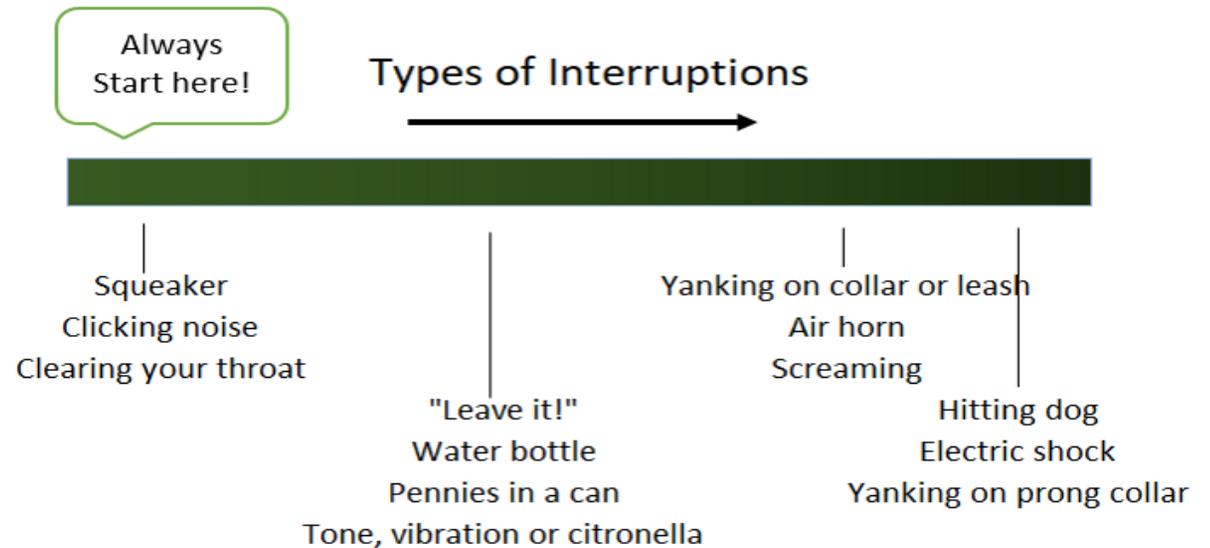
When your dog is doing something you don't want (barking, jumping, carrying-on, etc) you need to interrupt their behavior. The key is to use the least interruption necessary for the given situation.

Every couple of days test a softer interruption and see if it works. For best results, mark and treat even the slightest correct response and you'll see your pup quickly figure it out and needing less and less of an interruption.



It's important to remember that the interruption is short lived, sometimes only lasting a second or so and never longer than 5 seconds, so get ready for Step 2.

INTERRUPT YOUR DOGS BEHAVIOR AND REDIRECT THEM



#2 REDIRECT

Redirect is asking your dog for a behavior other than the one he or she is currently giving. It's giving your dog something to do so they don't revert back to what they were originally doing.

Redirection often involves us and keeping your pup busy. It will take as long as the dog is pulled to do the behavior you don't want. A barking dog is redirected to go pick up a ball and engage with that. A jumping dog is redirected to sit and wait instead.

Example: A dog walks past your home and your dog barks. You tell your dog to Leave it (interruption) and then ask them to come touch your hand, give you a sit and a circle and a bow then a look (redirection) - whatever it takes to keep the dog busy until the other dog has walked past.