Shy, Anxious, Nervous Dog?

Don't

- Reach toward them
- Crowd or corner them
- Face them directly
- Pet them over their heads
- Put chaos and unpredictability in their world
- Put pain in their world



Do

- Turn your back to them
- Let them come to you and smell you without reaching toward them
- Wait for them to ask for petting
- Give them space and room to watch and feel safe
- Let them figure things at their own pace
- Pet them under their chin and side of their face
- Make environment less-chaotic and more predictable
- Be generous and safe so they can build trust

LESS is MORE

for these kiddos – Go Slow!

let them get their feet under them, relax and chill then introduce them to a new place/person/situation