

SAY PLEASE PROGRAM

GOAL: This program creates and maintains positive relationships with people, in a non-confrontational manner, by teaching the dog to sit (or perform another trained behavior) in order to gain access to what it wants. A dog who sits every time he wants something (ie, attention) is vastly preferable to most adopters over a dog that hasn't learned to say please, and jumps up or barks when they want something.

GENERAL RULES:

- All dogs should learn to **sit** prior to participating in the Say Please Program.
- The dog must obey a command ('say please') before it gets anything that it wants.
- Ignore all undesirable behavior: the dog gets NO attention when it is barking, jumping, or doing anything else to demand attention.
- Dog must sit before:
 - Mealtimes
 - Putting on harness or head collar to go outside
 - Putting on leash to go outside
 - Exiting kennel
 - Exiting doors to outside
 - Being greeted and petted
 - Being allowed off leash in yard
 - Gains access to ball or toy during retrieve, tug, and chase games
- Do NOT require that the dog sit before doing things that it does NOT want
 - Going back indoors
 - Going back in the kennel

