



12 Dos and Don'ts When Meeting A Dog For The First Time

✓ Do

Let the dog approach you.

Invite the dog to engage with you.

Toss yummy treats to the dog, generously!

Get on the dog's level.

Use a happy, high-pitched voice.

Understand the dog may be anxious in their current environment.

✗ Don't

Corner or approach the dog.

Stick your hand out to feed.

Hug, kiss or otherwise restrain the dog.

Hover over the dog, especially small dogs.

Reach over the dog's head.

Try to train or test the dog's training (no "sit, sit, sit, sit").

