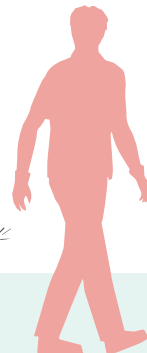




SUDDEN ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE/CONTRAST (SEC)



DOG REACTS WITH AN AGGRESSIVE DISPLAY WHEN THERE IS A CHANGE SUCH AS:



- Person appearing around a corner, at a window, stepping out of a doorway or otherwise suddenly showing up
- Person changes position (stands up after sitting for a while, standing and turns around or reappearing after leaving) or moves "funny"

OFTEN (BUT NOT ALWAYS) PRESENTS WITH:

- Stranger fear, stranger aggression or asocial history
- Sensitivity to strange "pictures"
 - homeless in sleeping bags
 - statues
 - mimes
 - construction signs
 - piles of garbage
 - people with odd gaits/movements
- Retreat biting



WHO TYPICALLY HAS IT?



- Dogs that have been traditionally bred for guarding property or people or locating critters, meaning, they're bred to notice, react to or alert to novelty and movement
- Herding, hunting, guard and flock-guarding dogs including mixes of: German Shepherd, Rottweiler, Mastiff, Great Dane, Schnauzer, Border Collie, Doberman, Australian Shepherd and breed classes including terriers and working dogs

HOW DO WE HELP THE DOG?

- We counter condition the full scenario individually (even if the dog has multiple triggers) so work on sitting/standing and then appearing in doorway and then coming down stairs
- Feed high value food (like steak), even if dog is continuing to go off or isn't eating right away
- We know it's working when there is decreased length of time dog displays after change occurs or no display at all and decreased time it takes dog to cool off between repetitions

