

Ensure Your Dog Has GREAT INTERACTIONS



The Skills to Ensure Perfect **Interactions With Other Dogs**

FIRSTLY, what does a great interaction look like? Well, its called the Interaction Chain



SEE THE OTHER DOG



APPROACH OTHER DOG



NOSE-NOSE INTERACTION They should quickly move to the rear to do the sniff!



MOVE TO THE REAR

They then play, or disengage completely, or a bit of both!



PLAY OR DISENGAGE!



This might look like barking, lunging, appearing anxious or snapping at any point of the chain.

Dogs need 3 SKILLS to maintain (or repair) an Interaction Chain

Skill 1:

Confidence

Play this game to grow confidence in your dog!

- 1. From a distance (from which your dog is not reacting), feed your dog a treat when they see other dogs.
- 2. This will help them link other dogs with positive outcomes and grow their confidence about other dogs. Repeating this process consistently will lead to big changes over time!

Skill 2:

Calmness

Play this game to grow calmness in your dog

- 1. Often, our dogs' excitement levels are decided at the start of the walk when they see the lead, or exit the house!
- 2. When picking up the lead, instead of going for a walk, give your dog a longlasting chew and go back to being boring. Build up to putting the lead on and even opening the door without craziness!

Skill 3:

Disengagement

Play this game to grow disengagement in your dog

- 1. Contrary to what you might think, it's important to take a break from letting your dog interact with other dogs!
- 2. With your dog on lead, and at a suitable distance, practice rewarding your dog when they walk with you in the opposite direction to other dogs!



