

# YOUR CHOICE Affects Your Dog's Choice.

A case of BARKING at other dogs



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**YOU THINK:**  
My dog is looking  
at the other dog.  
SHE MUST WANT  
TO SAY HELLO!



**YOUR DOG THINKS:**  
He is staring at me.  
This is scary.  
He might attack me.  
I can't look away.

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Don't be shy! It's OK!  
He wants to be your friend.  
SAY HI TO HIM!



**YOUR DOG THINKS:**  
What is my mom  
thinking? I am scared!  
But I have no way to  
escape when she is  
holding onto this leash

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GET AWAY FROM ME!!!

**YOU THINK:**  
What **BAD MANNERS!**  
She needs to be  
punished to understand  
this is bad behavior!

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STOP IT!  
BAD DOG!!!



**YOUR DOG THINKS:**  
My mom is angry!  
This is scary! It must  
be because of that  
dog approaching us.  
Next time when I see  
a dog, I will bark and  
growl much earlier!



STAY AWAY!  
OR ELSE!!!

**Dogs don't always want to greet and/or play with other dogs even if they LOOK at another dog.**

When they feel fear, they may find it hard to turn away. You can choose to help your dog feel safer and prevent undesirable behavior.



LET'S GO OVER  
THERE!

In the early stages, **HELP YOUR DOG KEEP DISTANCE FROM OTHER DOGS**, or help your dog focus on something else that is pleasant - treats, a toy, or you - to avoid escalating her fearful and excited feelings. If your dog is unable to look away from the other dog and continues to react, then she needs more distance and more help. Please talk to a professional trainer using science and reward-based dog training techniques.

**Your dog can make better choices if YOU make better choices!**

Let's learn more about dogs and Positive Reinforcement Training!