

## JUMPING UP

Dogs greet each other by sniffing and licking each other's faces and by jumping up, that is what he is trying to do. The problem is that your face is out of reach! Dogs, which jump up on their owners or worse still, on other people, are a common problem. The problem becomes worse if you are out on a walk and your very muddy Great Dane jumps up a total stranger in their best clothes. However, even a small dog can cause torn tights and frayed tempers.

To start with, never praise or even speak to your dog whilst it has its feet up on you. Push it down, command it to sit and then give it lavish praise and/or a treat. It will soon learn that jumping up gets a very cool reception but sitting nicely gets a fuss or treat.

If you have a medium to large dog, wait until he is in the air and bring your knee up quickly to catch him in the chest. Few dogs like this and usually stop jumping up very quickly. Immediately he is down, command him to sit and praise him.

If you have a very small dog or young puppy, this will not be possible, as he will never reach knee height. In this case, simply tread **lightly** on each hind foot alternately until he goes down. Then again, you should command him to sit and praise him.

A word of command (e.g. "down" or "off") is not necessary as you are not asking him to perform an action, you are merely making it uncomfortable for him to jump up. Increasing the dog's general obedience will help.

Remember it is not fair to allow or encourage him to jump up when you are in old clothes and then tell him off for jumping up when you are dressed up. The dog simply does not understand the difference. It will also be difficult to cure if one member of the family allows or encourages jumping up.

*You can also get friends to carry out these actions if you find that you have cured him from jumping up at you, but he still jumps up at strangers.*