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Dog Reactivity

Reactivity is overreaction to external stimuli. Dog reactivity is the overreaction to other dogs.

Dogs can show this reactivity by becoming stiff, barking, growling, lunging, or pulling towards other dogs.

Dogs can exhibit reactivity to other dogs for many reasons, like fear or insecurity.

Here's how you can help your dog:

1. Using a "marker" of your choice, like a clicker or the word "yes," begin to teach your dog [L.A.T. or Look At That](#).
2. Start by clicking or saying the marker and giving your dog a treat right after, repeat until your dog expects the treat after you mark.
3. With your dog on a leash position yourself near a trigger, when the dog looks at the trigger, mark and give a treat when they turn towards you.
4. Repeat 10-15 times, then expect the dog to turn towards you when the trigger comes into view.
5. Decrease the distance between your dog and the trigger, repeating 10-15 times as you move closer.

Dog reactivity is a common issue with dog owners and JHS is here to help. For more assistance, please contact our team at 904.493.4586 or behavior@jaxhumane.org.