

The Casper's Capers Guide To

# REDUCING REACTIVITY

Tested tips from the experts



## ALWAYS CARRY TREATS

### Give your dog something to do before they react.

If you're not sure how your dog is going to react to another dog, pull over and scatter a few treats for them to sniff out to give them a better alternative to barking and lunging. With the right timing, they might not even notice the other dog.

## REWARD GOOD BEHAVIOR

### Don't forget to tell your dog when they get it right.

Use high-value rewards to reinforce your dog's good behavior. Start far away from the trigger and mark/reward your dog for looking without barking and lunging. Hint: If your dog can't look without barking, increase distance!

## AVOID CLOSE QUARTERS

### Don't put your dog in situations they can't handle.

Passing each other head-on on a tight sidewalk, on-leash greetings, and other close encounters are often too much for reactive dogs to handle. Avoid leashed greetings and pull over between parked cars to give other dogs space on walks.

## PREVENT THE BEHAVIOR

### Because dogs get better at what they practice.

At this point, barking and lunging at other dogs is probably a habit for your pup. But by using food and getting distance from triggers, you can prevent your dog from getting even more fluent at the unwanted behavior.

## GET SOME ONE-ON-ONE HELP

### Every dog is unique, and your training should be too.

Contact Casper's Capers to schedule a virtual or in-person session where we'll tailor your training plan to your dog's specific triggers.



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