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## **Jumpy, Mouthy Dog Training and Survival Tips**

- **TREATS:** Have treats with you. Treats always help to get dog to do what you ask and you can throw treat away from you on the ground to get dog away from you.
- **FREEZE:** When dog starts to mouth, jump or bite leash, freeze, stop walking. Do not try to tug leash out of dog's mouth or the dog gets rewarded with a game of tug.
- **NO TOUCHING OR PUSHING:** Do not touch dog or push at dog. Turn your back to the dog and pull hands up against your body away from dog.
- **SIT:** Tell dog to "SIT." Dog cannot jump, bite and sit at the same time.
- **STEP ON LEASH:** If all of the above are not helping, step on the leash to hold dog down from jumping and stop mouthing.
- **LEAVE IT:** Use and teach the cue "leave it." Wave a treat in front of the dog's mouth and it will release its jaw to sniff and get the treat. The dog cannot mouth the leash and sniff to receive the treat at the same time. Add the cue "leave it" as you wave treat.
- **PENNY CAN:** Use a shake of the "penny can" as the dog jumps for extra training if warranted.
- **TOYS:** If the dog likes toys, substitute a toy for treats. You can also have the dog carry a ball or toy in his mouth coming out of the kennel and on walks.

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