## How to say hello to a dog safely



When dogs are busy enjoying being out and about, it is best to give them space. However, if you do wish to say hello to a dog, use our 3 Cs to keep everyone safe.

Always **CHECK** with the owner to make sure it's OK to greet their dog.



1. CHECK

**CALL** the dog to you by patting your legs and saying their name, or a friendly 'hello'.

2. CALL

If the dog chooses to come over, stroke them on the shoulder nearest to you. **COUNT up to 3 strokes**, then stop and let them carry on enjoying their day.



3. COUNT

## **REMEMBER**

a dog can change their mind at any point, so respect their choice to keep you both happy and safe. **Pet Education**Partnership

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