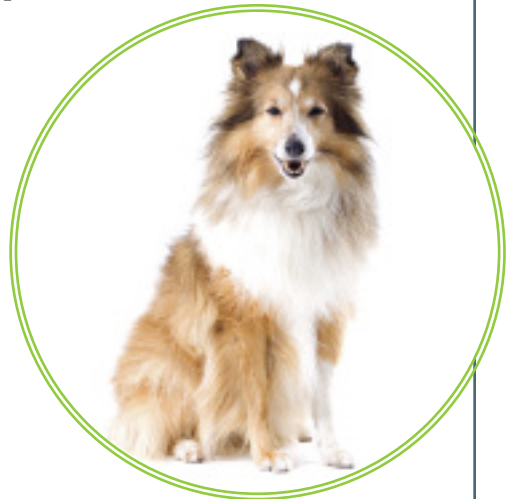


# Behavior Modification Plan



**TARGETED PROBLEM:  
BARKING AND JUMPING ON  
VISITORS WHO COME TO  
THE HOME**

**NEW DESIRED  
BEHAVIOR:  
SITTING CALMLY AND  
QUIETLY TO GREET  
PEOPLE WHO ENTER  
THE HOME**



## Components of the behavior modification plan:

- Teach the dog to sit and stay 4 to 6 feet away from the entry door.
- Teach the dog to “go” to the location on command
- Teach the dog to sit and stay at the location when opening and closing the door with no one outside.
- Teach the dog to sit and stay at the location when family members enter and exit the door.
- Teach the dog to sit and stay when family members stand outside the door.
- Teach the dog to sit and stay when family members approach to say “hello.”
- Attempt the new task with familiar visitors before attempting with unfamiliar visitors.

## Behavior products to augment learning and success:

- Head collars; examples include Gentle Leader ([premier.com](http://premier.com)), Halti ([coastalpet.com](http://coastalpet.com)), and Snoot Loop ([snootloop.com](http://snootloop.com))
- Manners Minder remote reward training system ([premier.com](http://premier.com))

## Additional key elements for success:

- Keep initial training sessions short.
- Once each small task is acquired, phase out food rewards.
- In some cases, consider using a tether to help keep the pet in place.

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