



Management Plan for greeting guests

All dogs and households are different so this plan is likely to need tweaking to suit your individual dog and your household.

Remember preventing rehearsal of the behaviour is essential, sometimes if our management plan is strong enough, we don't need to train any additional skills.

A few hours before
your guests arrive

Make sure your dogs needs have been met. Take them for a slow, sniffy walk, and play some brain games.

Just before your guests
arrive

Put your dog somewhere where they will not have access to guests. Preferably in a different room behind a gate or door. Give them a really high value long lasting chew or filled Kong.

When your guests arrive

Get your guests settled first. Make them a drink, sit everyone down and when the room is calm go and get your dog.

Bringing the dog in

Bring your dog in on a lead and calmly walk them to their bed or mat. (Be strategic about where you place this so they're not too close to your guests)

Helping the dog settle

Reward your dog for laying calmly on their bed. You can reward sporadically or if they're really struggling use the 300 peck game to slowly increase duration.



Tweaks you may need!

Dog struggles being shut away from you/guests

Meet your guests outside with your dog on a lead. Ask your guests to stand still while you play the orientation game with your dog.

Once your dog is managing to play calmly, you can go into the house with your dog still on lead and take them to their bed.

Once your dog is settled invite your guests to come in and sit down.

Your dog can't lay on their bed with guests in the house

Some dogs need to move to use up their fizz! Play the orientation game to help them calm down before asking them to settle on their bed.

Give them something to work on like a kong, lickmat or long lasting chew.

Your dog gets frustrated being restrained on lead or you struggle to hold them

Set up a baby gate or x-pen with your dogs bed on the other side to where you and your guests will be.

Your dog will be able to see your guests but not get to them.

Reward your dog for calmly settling on their bed

Your dog is barking or showing other signs of fear/stress/frustration and unable to settle

We've likely gone too quickly too soon and need to do some more work on skills outside of the situation.