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Correcting Jumping Up

Jumping up is pure disrespect for you, not friendly welcome behavior. And it can be very embarrassing or dangerous if on young children. They can tear skin with their claws, tear into a child's eyes, soil and rip nice clothes etc.

Here are a number of ways to correct this behavior.

1. When they jump up grab the front paw and pinch the fleshy part between the "fingers" until they yelp. And then put them down.

I don't like this as the correction occurs after and subsequent to the behavior. And you are associated with the pain they receive.

2. When they jump up thrust your knee into their chest.

I don't like this either. Although the punishment is consequent to the behavior, there is just too much chance for injury to the dog.

3. have someone hold the leash and stand behind them. When they jump up, yank them off balance backward to bring them to the floor.

This is quite effective.

4. One I have started using that works very well by yourself is: When they jump up, block by placing both hands together on their nose, pushing forward.

I have had good luck with this. The harder they jump, the harder their contact with the stone wall of your hands. They will naturally recoil and bend the neck down and stop the forward motion as the hands contact the nose. The action is consequent to the behavior, you can do it alone, and the dog won't get injured.

You can try and see what works for you. You may have to use assistance with the dog on the leash, but this behavior is not acceptable.

*Remember: Start correction on German Shepherd puppies while young.