

How To: **Make Your Dog Wait at Doors and Gates**



- Go into the room, close the door behind you. Use your body to back the dog off the door a few steps, and ask the dog to “sit”. Once the dog sits, ask for the dog to “wait”.
- Say “wait” as many times as you need to. Hold your hand up as well, don’t use an open hand as to some dogs this means “stay.” For “wait” use one finger, in a “hold on a minute” gesture.
- If a dog takes a step forward, step into them and make them take at least 2 steps back. Continue until the dog is staying behind where you want them to stay.
- Say “wait” as many times as you need to. Hold your hand up as well, don’t use an open hand as to some dogs this means “stay.” For “wait” use one finger, in a “hold on a minute” gesture.
- Once your dog has given up on moving forward, step back to open the door. If your dog moves, step into their space to move them back. Begin again and repeat as needed.
- Open the door.
- If your dog moves, shut the door and start over.
- Once your dog remains in position with the door open, release him with “OKAY!”, and allow him through the door.

