



SOLVING BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS IN GERMAN SHEPHERDS: A HOW-TO-GUIDE

German Shepherd Behavior Fixes

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Aggression

German Shepherds can be protective, which may lead to aggression if not properly socialized. Begin socialization from an early age, expose your dog to various people and situations. Obedience training is essential to teach them when and how to react.

A German Shepherd dog is shown from the chest up, standing on a ground covered with dry leaves. The dog's mouth is wide open in a bark, showing its pink tongue and teeth. Its ears are large and pointed upwards. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with trees and foliage.

Excessive Barking

German Shepherds are vocal dogs. To curb excessive barking, teach the "quiet" command. Reward your dog when they stop barking on command and be consistent with the training.

Separation Anxiety

1. This breed can become anxious when left alone. To address this, start with short departures and gradually increase the time you're away. Provide engaging toys and comfort items to keep them occupied.
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Jumping Up

German Shepherds are energetic and may jump on people. Teach the "off" command and reward them for keeping all four paws on the ground. Consistency is key here.



Pulling on Leash

Use positive reinforcement to train your German Shepherd to walk calmly on a leash. If they pull, stop and wait for them to relax the tension, then continue. Consider using a no-pull harness.



A German Shepherd puppy is lying on a green lawn. The puppy is looking towards the right of the frame. In the foreground, a large, orange-brown stuffed lion toy is visible, partially obscuring the puppy's front legs. The background is a soft-focus green lawn with some trees in the distance.

Chewing

German Shepherds have strong jaws and can be avid chewers. Give them plenty of appropriate toys and redirect their chewing behavior. Puppy-proof your home to prevent access to items they shouldn't chew.

A black German Shepherd dog is shown from a side profile, focused on eating from a silver metal bowl on a light-colored, textured ground. The dog's fur is short and black, and its ears are pointed. A red and blue leash is visible at the top left. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery and a building. A semi-transparent grey box with white text is overlaid on the middle of the image.

Resource Guarding

German Shepherds can be possessive of their toys or food. Work on this behavior by trading items with your dog and teaching them to associate people approaching their resources with positive experiences.

A man in a grey hoodie and khaki pants stands in a grassy field, looking down at a brown dog. The dog is nipping at the man's shoe. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid on the image.

Nipping and Mouthing

This is common in puppies. When they nip, offer a toy as an alternative and praise them for using it. Avoid rough play that encourages nipping.

A German Shepherd dog is running through a snowy field. The dog has black and tan fur and is wearing a red collar. Its mouth is open, and it appears to be playing with snow. In the background, there is a large, leafless tree and a blurred residential area under a bright, overcast sky.

Excessive Energy

German Shepherds are active dogs that need plenty of exercise. Regular walks, playtime, and mental stimulation are essential to keep them happy and well-behaved.



Remember, patience, consistency, and positive reinforcement are the keys to addressing these common behavior problems. It's also a good idea to consult with a professional dog trainer if you're having trouble with specific issues. Your German Shepherd can be a wonderful companion with the right training and care.