Petting Consent

Look for ACTIVE, ENTHUSIASTIC CONSENT

What is my relationship with this dog?

- **New or Conflicted**
- **Well developed, trusting and respectful**

Let the dog lead: no touch, no talk, no eye contact

Invite the dog: smile, pat leg, talk to them

Dog doesn't ask for touch

Dog asks APPROPRIATELY FOR TOUCH: nudge your hand, rub against your leg, lick your hand, etc.

Accept their answer: don't reach or touch.

- Dog moves away
- Stress signs like lip licks, yawning, scratching, or shake-offs
- Dog does nothing
- Dog is overstimulated- mouthing, grabbing clothing, height- seeking

PET for up to 3 seconds in a spot you think the dog will like

PAUSE: ask the dog if they want more

No one has the right to pet your dog. It's ok to say no if you think they can't respect your dog's choices or if they're not going to be part of your dog's life!