

RESOURCE GUARDING MANAGEMENT



DO NOT try to take away food, bones, stuffed kongs, or toys. Keep an eye on the dog's body language and if you see: overall body stiffness, whale eye (side eye), freezing, hovering over item or growling do not approach the dog.

If you need to remove an item from the dog, trade for a different high value item. Use something such as cheese or hotdogs to create a trail leading away from the coveted item. This gives you space to pick up item without putting either you or the dog in an uncomfortable situation. ([Click here for "Emergency Bait and Switch" video](#))

FOOD

- Keep the dog in a separate room or crated with the door closed for mealtimes.
- Do not have food out when people or animals are nearby.
- Meals should be fed, as much as possible, at set times each day in order to create a predictable pattern for them.
- No one (adults and especially children) should approach them or interfere with them while they are eating.
- When they are finished eating allow them to exit the crate and leave the area before grabbing their bowl. If in a separate room, once they have finished eating, allow them to exit the room before grabbing their bowl. Do not leave empty bowls out in rooms or opened crates once they have finished eating.

TOYS / ITEMS

- Free toy time can occur on a set schedule during the day. When toys are out and you are playing with them or they are having their own toy time, they should be kept separate from other pets in the home.
- Do not have coveted items (toys, chews) out when people or animals are nearby. Keep toys put away outside of sanctioned "toy time" throughout the day