

## Solving bolting out the front door

### Feng Shui with Fido™ Philosophy:

It's a common dog problem and very dog owner solvable. The key is to have foresight. Think before you open the door and teach your dog to stay!

**get:** A 6 ft leash. Keeping several leashes around the house helps apply this quick tip effectively.

**where:** Keep leash handy at the front door.

**use:** Teaching your dog the stay command at the front door, before you open it to let guests in your house.

**how:** Put your dog on a leash.

1. Go about 4 ft away from the door and say "sit" while gently lifting up on the leash. Keep your voice really friendly.
2. Repeat the word "sit" as you gently and repeatedly lift up on the leash.
3. Then say the word "stay". Gesture the stop sign hand signal to your dog and slowly back up repeating the command stay.
4. Then, open the door. If your dog moves, no sweat, he's on a leash. Just lean down and give a gentle tug on



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the leash and say a firm "NO!" This process of the gentle tug and the word "NO" creates eye contact from your dog to you. Plus, it could save his life, so it's important to have the word "NO" connected to the tug during the training process. Later, he will know from a distance and off leash that the word no means freeze! Then repeat "sit" and "stay". Say "good stay!" Slowly close the door and walk next to your dog.

5. Get eye contact and say the word "OK!" The word "ok" is the release command for stay, meaning it's party time! Always say the word "OK" at the end of the stay command to indicate that your dog can move and the command is over!!!

**why:** Using a leash helps create a positive pattern, trust and eye contact. It also stops the bad pattern of your dog squeezing through the doorway to suddenly get out. Applying "stay" on a leash helps YOU teach your dog in a consistent manner. In no time (a few months), this positive pattern will create trust and a leash free command.

**when:** Practice this command for 5 minutes a day with no one at the front door.

