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Teaching Your Puppy to be Polite at the Door

Step 1: First you must desensitize the dog to ringing the doorbell and knocking on the door. To do so, you must repeatedly ring the doorbell and knock on the door until the dog doesn't respond to them anymore.

Step 2: The next step is to make the bell ringing and knocking more intense - - try doing both ringing and knocking at the same time. Then try it with strangers instead of people already in the household.

Step 3: Teach the dog what you would like them to do when the doorbell rings or someone is knocking on the door without any distractions. (sit, lie down, or go in their crate.)

Step 4: Put steps 1-3 altogether.

Step 5: Re-enforcement is key to the dog understanding that they have to do this every time that the doorbell rings or someone knocks. Practice frequently until it is a normal part of your dog's routine.