

GRUMBLE & GROWL ZONES

GRUMBLE ZONES are crowded spaces with escape routes. Spaces where dogs and children may be forced into closer proximity than is comfortable. The dog may be conflicted and not willingly leave. Remember, "crowded spaces equal grumpy faces!"



DON'T...

allow kids and dogs to navigate tight spaces on their own. Examples: doorways, hallways, stairways, etc.





DO...

create a more open layout. Design a plan to make unavoidably tight spaces safer and more comfortable for both.





GROWL ZONES are crowded spaces where the dog lacks a clear escape route AND/OR a resource is near. If approached, a dog in a growl zone may growl, snap, or even bite. We can decrease potential for conflict by creating a plan to prevent a child from having access to a dog in a growl zone by implementing success stations.



DON'T...

Allow children to corner a dog or close in the dog's space.





DO...

Use success stations and proactive supervision for a safer play space for your child and a safe undisturbed spot for your dog.





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