



The ON-LEASH Dog-Dog Aggression Cycle

Leashes interfere with natural dog-dog interaction by preventing the dogs from having a choice on amount of personal space, inhibiting natural movement, as well as creating tension for the dog

Which leads to.....

- o **Crude Behavior. Dog comes on too strong**
(Supermotivated through deprivation) when meeting other dogs and has poor social skills, which leads to....
- o Owner alarmed by intensity. Keeps leash tight. Minimizes interaction time and/or avoids dogs (because "he gets too excited"), which leads to....
- o Motivation up, social skills same: scuffles with irritated/defensive other dogs, which leads to....
- o Owner more alarmed by scuffles, admonishes dog and "tries to control him" when approaching dogs by having a tight leash and/or punishment, which leads to....
- o Barrier frustration and classical conditioning:
dogs equal frustration/punishment, which leads to....
- o Aggression towards other dogs, still no development of social skills, which leads to....
- o TOTAL isolation or escalated punishment, which leads to....
- o More social erosion and generalized aggression toward other dogs.