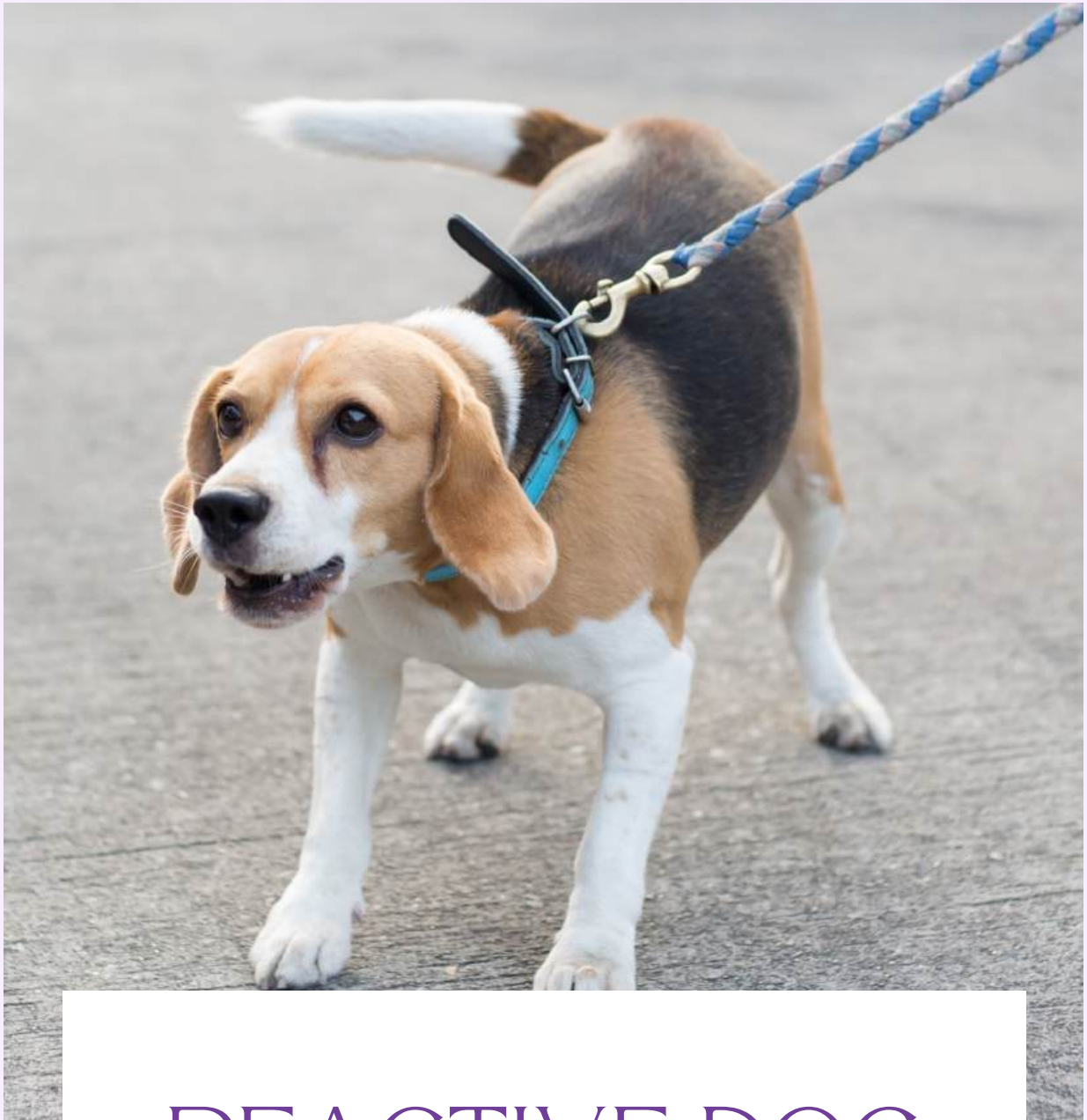




REACTIVE DOG SURVIVAL GUIDE

Three quick tips every reactive
dog owner should know





WHY DOGS BECOME REACTIVE

Reactive dogs aren't being "naughty."

They're often overwhelmed, frightened, frustrated, or simply don't know how to cope with what they're seeing.

When your dog is over threshold, the thinking part of their brain switches off and survival instincts take over. That's why treats, commands, and obedience often seem to stop working.

The goal isn't to force your dog to behave.

The goal is to help them feel safe enough that they can learn.





YOU LOVE YOUR DOG, BUT WALKING THEM FEELS EXHAUSTING.

Does this sound familiar?

- You constantly scan ahead for other dogs.
- Walks leave you feeling stressed instead of relaxed.
- You dread hearing "Don't worry, he's friendly!"
- Friends tell you your dog just needs more discipline.

If that's you, you're in the right place.

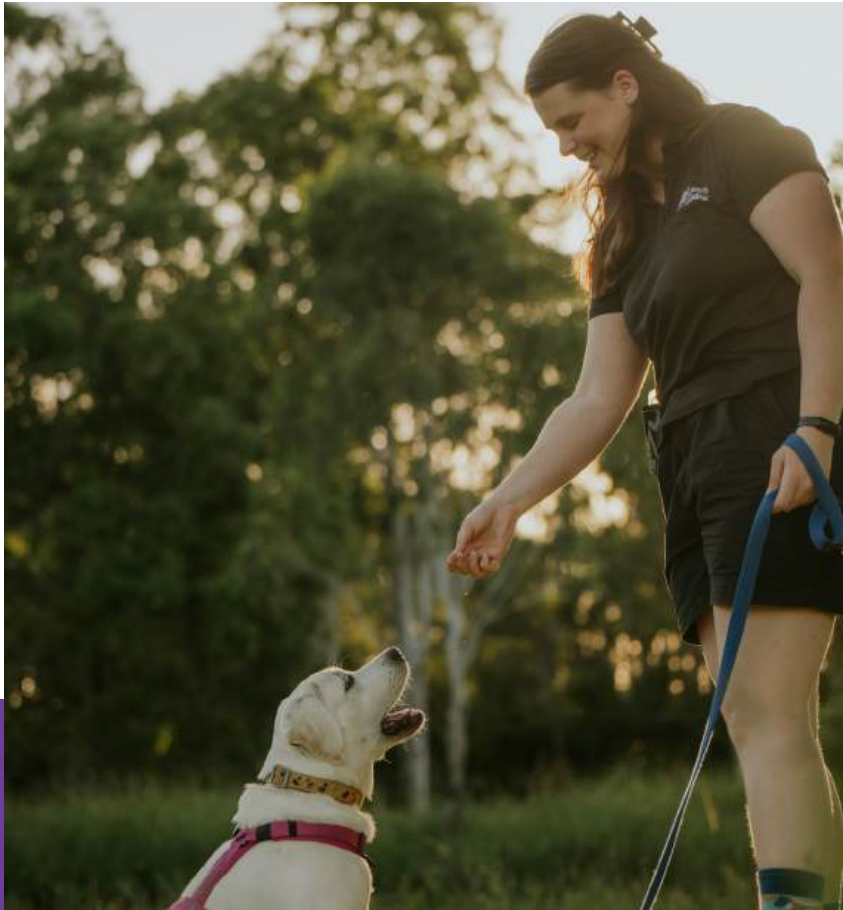
Reactive dogs can improve with the right training.

Small changes often make a much bigger difference than people expect.

ARE YOU READY TO START WALKING WITHOUT THE WORRY?



TIP 1 - PAY YOUR DOG WELL



Dogs repeat behaviours that pay well. If we're asking them to ignore something difficult, like another dog, we need to make that choice worthwhile.

Think of treats as your dog's paycheck.

Reward every calm glance, every check in, and every good decision.

My Favourite Rewards

The stronger the smell the better!

- Roast chicken
- Cheese
- Chunkers
- Dog roll

Pro Tip:
Bring more treats than you think you'll need.

Avoid

Dry biscuits or everyday kibble usually aren't valuable enough to compete with another barking dog.





TIP 2 - GIVE YOUR DOG ROOM TO BREATHE

When dogs feel trapped, they often react by barking or lunging.

A short leash limits their ability to move away from something that worries them.

A longer leash gives them space to:

- sniff
- slow down
- move away
- make better decisions

Pro Tip:
Aim for a leash around 2m long.

It doesn't mean giving your dog complete freedom.
It means giving them room to cope.



TIP 3 - CREATE DISTANCE



Imagine someone asked you to solve a maths problem while standing next to something that terrified you. You probably couldn't.

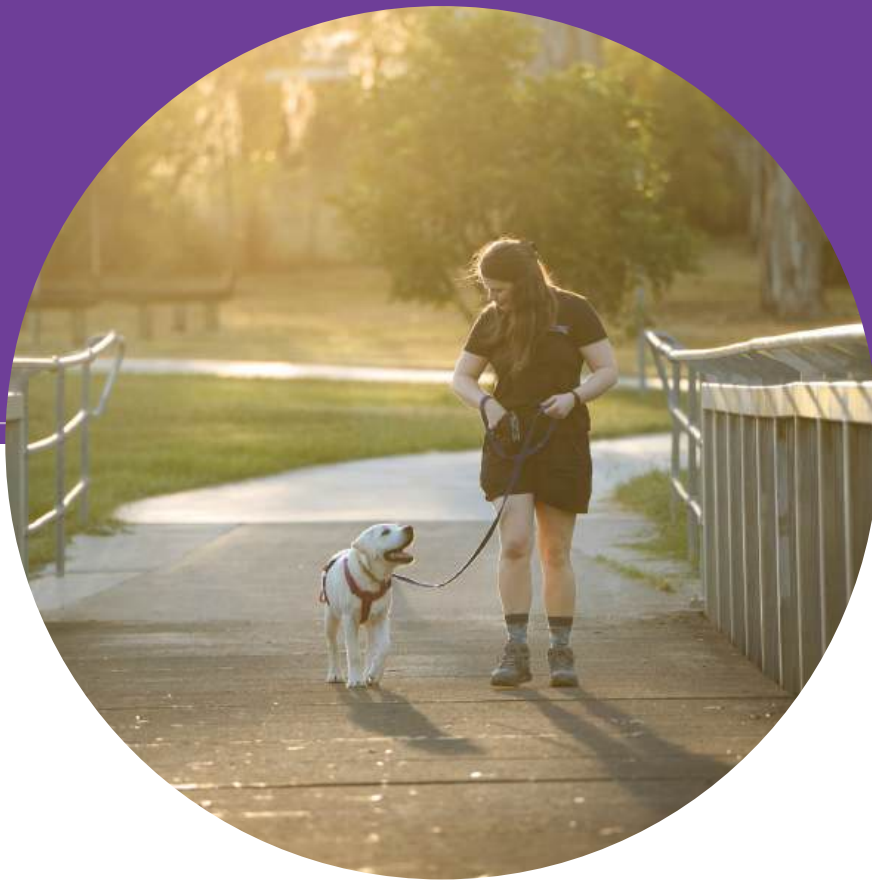
Dogs are exactly the same. When another dog is too close, they can't think clearly or learn.

Creating more distance isn't avoiding the problem. It's setting your dog up to succeed.

Remember:
Distance isn't cheating.
Distance is training.

WHEN IN DOUBT, CREATE MORE DISTANCE.





YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIGURE THIS OUT ALONE

Every reactive dog is different, which means every training plan should be too.

If you're ready for calmer, less stressful walks, I'd love to help.

Helping reactive dogs across Brisbane feel calm and confident.



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