GOAL: This program creates and maintains positive relationships with people, in a non-confrontational manner, by teaching the dog to sit (or perform another trained behavior) in order to gain access to what it wants. A dog who sits every time he wants something (i.e., attention) is vastly preferable to most adopters over a dog that hasn’t learned to say please, and jumps up or barks when they want something.

GENERAL RULES:

• All dogs should learn to sit prior to participating in the Say Please Program.

• The dog must obey a command (‘say please’) before it gets anything that it wants.

• Ignore all undesirable behavior: the dog gets NO attention when it is barking, jumping, or doing anything else to demand attention.

• Dog must sit before:
  - Mealtimes
  - Putting on harness or head collar to go outside
  - Putting on leash to go outside
  - Exiting kennel
  - Exiting doors to outside
  - Being greeted and petted
  - Being allowed off leash in yard
  - Gains access to ball or toy during retrieve, tug, and chase games

• Do NOT require that the dog sit before doing things that it does NOT want
  - Going back indoors
  - Going back in the kennel