Threshold Chart

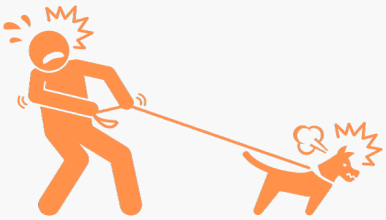
Learning Stops Happening

Potential for bite either at the trigger or redirected to owner

Leave the area, create space, body block & keep the leash short

Bite Threshold

Dog is Unresponsive or Uninterested in Food



- Barking
- Lunging
- Snapping
- Snarling
- Drooling

- Stiff body
- Hackles up
- Hard stare or wide eyes
- Growling or whining
- Tail up

Reactivity Threshold

Dog is Responsive or Interested in Food

Learning Happens

- Forward ears
- Focused eyes
- Closed mouth or begins panting
- Alert, forward body
- Awkward tail

- Relaxed body
- Soft eyes and mouth
- Dog is demonstrating cut off signals and self soothing