

Welcome back to truly Force free animal training.

A common question I get is, how do you introduce dogs? Whether you're getting a dog from a shelter or you're trying to introduce your friend's dog to your dog, introducing your dogs can be something that

you have to be a little careful about especially if you don't know the history of the dogs.

If there are some dogs who love every dog and you don't have to worry about it.

And there are some dogs who don't like any dogs and so you wouldn't be introducing them anyway.

But the confusing part comes when you're not really sure how the two dogs are going to interact.

I'm going to demonstrate here a couple ways that I am introducing a new dog to one of my dogs that I'll use Captain, who knows a lot of dogs and is pretty comfortable, and he reads.

other dogs pretty well.

So I like to use him because if he's avoiding the other dog that means the other dog is probably giving off some anxiety signals.

And I want you to just be able to see it's really important to watch body language during this.

So as you're watching my this introduction, watch the body language because if one of them seems to be a little bit anxious, that's really important.

And I don't want to make them meet if one of them is a little bit nervous.

So how I like to introduce dogs, is to first have them both on leash, and just having them kind of be in my backyard or in a neutral area.

If that's more appropriate where they get a chance to see each other but they don't have to engage.

I don't allow them to do any hard stares and.

I try to keep them.

They look at the other dog and then I try to give them a treat or do something that makes it so that they get a little bit used to each other without having to be face-to-face.

right away. In some situations.

Though they don't look like they are getting very comfortable.

So I may have to do this introductory a few times before they get a chance to play, then if they are.

Are getting along, okay? And they seem to be doing better as we get closer.

I may let them play.

Come On, Lukey.

Come here Lukey, Good Boy! Good boy..

Maybe you can go in and get another sniff. You want another sniff?.

Luke, Luke. Good boy..

Another technique that I do sometimes is I will take a dog for a walk with another dog and we parallel walk around the neighborhood or park and that sometimes gives them an opportunity to get used.

to each other.

But they are also distracted by the environment outside.

So sometimes that's another way that I might introduce two dogs. I hope this helps as you go forward and if you need to introduce your dog to another dog..