

Sit at Doors

Anytime you take your dog through a door, gate or cross a street or any boundary, have the dog sit (again automatically -- do not tell the dog to sit, shape him) then give the dog a command such as "Rover, Through" This should be done when letting the dog in or out of the backyard as well. When letting the dog in open the door just wide enough to fit the dog, catch the dog under the chin, shape the dog into the sit, take your hands off and say "Rover, through". Do this until the dog starts to sit on its own. This will help stop dogs that lunge through open doors. This will also help the dog understand its place in the family pack (you control all the den's entrances and exits.