

# Stick Salesman



This strategy can help you avoid a trigger by creating space and increasing the fun factor. Dogs who are engaged and having a good time are much less likely to react.

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**Move off the pathway and create space away from the trigger.**

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**Engage with your dog, become interested in the environment, and playful. "Look at all these sticks? Do you want this one? It's long and knobbly! This stick has some cool bark! What about this stick!?!"**

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**How else would your dog like to play and engage? "Let's check out this AMAZING smelly bush!" "Who dropped all the snacks in the grass?" "Oh my goodness there is a BALL in my pocket!"**



**Remember: Dogs can't play if they're on edge. Make sure you give them enough distance from the trigger.**

**Both play and sniffing help to relax dogs. Give plenty of opportunities for both throughout the day!**