

HELP!

MY DOG GROWLS AROUND THEIR FOOD!

TOP TIPS TO STOP FOOD GUARDING BEHAVIOUR

1 Weigh out your dog's dinner and then put their bowl on the floor with only one piece of kibble in it. In disbelief, your dog will look at their bowl, eat the one piece of kibble and then sniff the empty bowl.



2 Walk away from the bowl and busy yourself. Wait until your dog begs for more, pick up their bowl, place in one more piece of kibble, wait for the dog to sit and then put the bowl on the floor.

Your dog will become calmer and their manners will improve with each "course". By feeding your dog's dinner in many small courses, you teach them to welcome your approach. That's the real secret: positive association to show there's no need to guard their food.



3 In a short time your dog will be eating larger "courses". Now casually walk past your dog and throw into their bowl a tasty treat like bacon fat or chicken skin, teaching them that your approach brings no threat and only good things.



4 NEVER take a dog's food away when they are eating.

