



BREAKING UP A DOG FIGHT

The first thing you will want to try is a loud sound aversion such as yelling, banging pots, and/or clapping loudly. You can also try a physical aversion such as spraying with water or using a spray such as citronella or pepper. If this does not break up the fight within the first 3 -5 seconds you will then want to grip the base of the tail where it joins the body and pull your dog quickly out and up, raising the hind quarters off the ground. If you cannot get a good grip on the tail then you will want to grab the legs where they join at the hips (the haunches) and do the same upward pull. If you can't seem to grab that then pull the back legs out from under the dog and do the same upward pull. While you are doing this with one of the dogs (preferably yours) make sure you give instructions to someone else to do the same for the other dog. Once the dogs are apart secure them both with leashes and asses for damage.

If you are by yourself or with someone who is afraid to get involved, work on the dog that is the more intense fighter or the one who started the fight. As a very last resort, for obvious reasons, grab your dog by the collar and pull her away. The risk of a bite injury is extremely high when doing this so again use this as a last resort.

If one of the dogs is latched on – meaning one of the dogs gets a hold of another one and will not let go – grab the dog that is latched on, by the collar, and attempt to distract him with talking, food, somehow getting him in a better frame of mind, or even with loud firm negative commands (NO! – AAAAA! –QUIT! – ENOUGH! – TIME OUT!)

If your dog is latched on and nothing will get her to let go, the other dog is seriously injured, and nothing else has worked, consider doing one of the following last resort measures:

- Twist the collar to cut off air
- Put a stick in the mouth and try to wedge the jaws open
- Grab testicles and pull or squeeze
- Gouge the eyes
- Insert something into the latching dogs rectum
- Physically kick or hit the dog

Fortunately “latching on” is rare so it will be very unlikely that you will have to attempt one of the above suggestions.

PLEASE NOTE!!!

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