



Bear's BEAR Expectations

How you should act around our
Newest BEAR Family Member

Meet Bear!



Who is Bear? Why is he here?

- Bear is a THERAPY DOG
- His JOB is to make students feel calm, happy & safe.
- Today's lesson is to show you how you are expected to INTERACT with him SAFELY & RESPONSIBLY
- We will begin with a video clip on how you can tell how a dog is feeling by his / her BODY LANGUAGE
- We will then go over specific BEAR Expectations for when interacting with Bear or any of his handlers.

How can you tell what a dog is FEELING?

- Watch this:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bstvGSUzMo>
- What signs show a dog is HAPPY or CALM?
- What signs show Bear (or any dog) needs a break or is feeling stressed?
- Why is it important to recognize these signs??

How we are expected to ACT around Bear?



BEAR Expectations

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Stay calm and use quiet voices around Bear. Walk, don't run, when approaching him. Avoid pulling, yanking, or grabbing Bear or his leash.

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Learn how to interact with Bear appropriately. Wait for your turn to greet or pet him. Watch Bear's body language to ensure he's comfortable.

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Pay attention to Bear's handler's instructions. Keep the area clean and free of food. Wash your hands before and after interacting with Bear.

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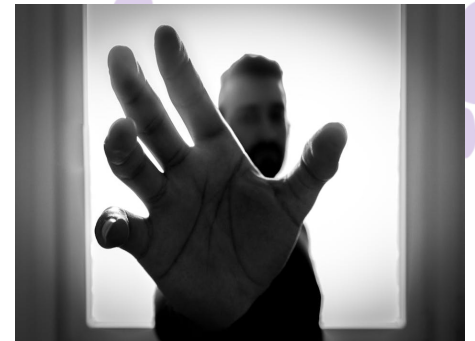
Respect Bear's space by avoiding crowding, hugging, or kissing him. Greet Bear with one gentle pet or a wave when passing by.

Nothing less than **SUCCESS!**



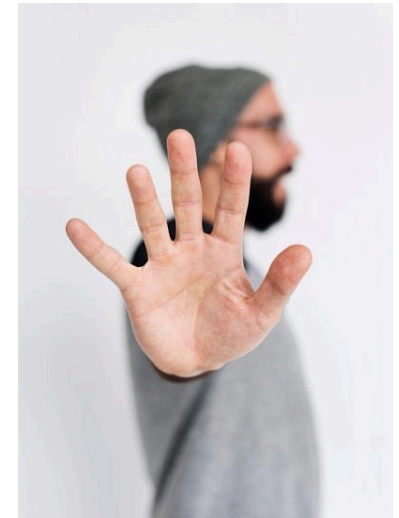
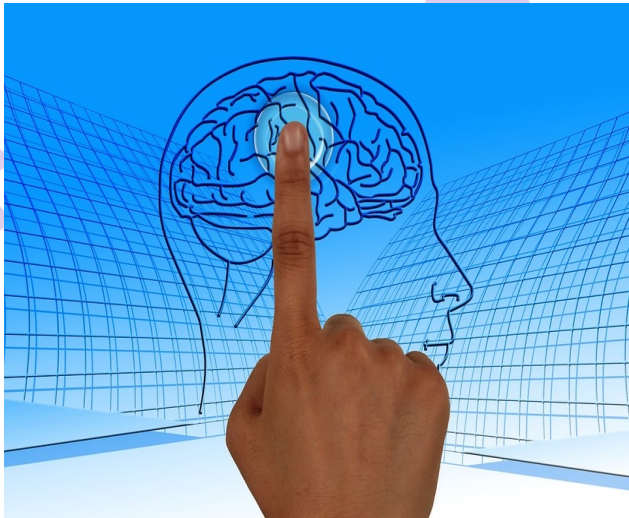
BEHAVIOR

- STAY CALM
- Use QUIET voices around Bear
- WALK, don't RUN, when approaching him
- Avoid PULLING, YANKING, or GRABBING Bear or his leash / collar



EFFORT

- LEARN how to interact with Bear APPROPRIATELY
- WAIT for your turn to greet or pet him
- WATCH Bear's body language to make sure he is comfortable



ACTION

- PAY ATTENTION to Bear's Handler's instructions
- Keep the area CLEAN & free of FOOD
- WASH YOUR HANDS before AND after interacting with Bear



RESPECT

- Respect Bear's SPACE:
 - No crowding,
 - No hugging, without permission
 - No kissing him!
- Greet Bear with ONE GENTLE pet or a WAVE when passing by



FINAL DISCUSSIONS:

- Why is it important to stay calm and follow these expectations when interacting with Bear?
- How would you feel if Bear became stressed because students didn't follow the rules?
- How can you help Bear succeed at HEMS?

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Stay calm, give Bear space, and follow the BEARS expectations.
- Recognize Bear's body language and know when he needs a break.
- BE GOOD TO BEAR