

# A GUIDE TO HEALTH CHECKS

**Approach** your dog from the side.

**Position:** Do not restrict or block your dog's movement.

**Distance:** Do not crowd or lean over your dog.

**Duration:** Be efficient and fluid in your movements.

**Pressure:** Be aware of the pressure of your touch because a touch that is too light tickles and one that is too hard hurts.

**Safety:** ALWAYS be safe and have an escape plan.

**Observe** your dog as you perform the health check. If at any point your dog shows signs of discomfort, stop.

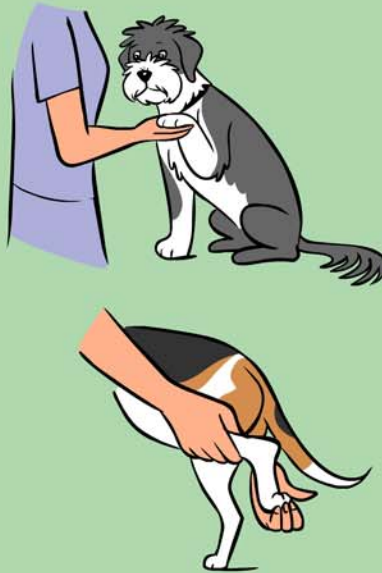
## Mouth/Teeth

**DO**



## Paws/Nails

**DO**



## Rear

**DO**



**DON'T**



**DON'T**



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