CHECKLIST

Checklist for training your dog to greet visitors calmly

- [ ] Desensitise the doorbell by ringing it and immediately giving a treat
- [ ] Teach your dog to go to a mat or bed on cue
- [ ] Practise the mat cue when the doorbell rings
- [ ] Ask a helper to knock and wait outside while your dog stays on the mat
- [ ] Let the visitor enter only when your dog is calm
- [ ] Release your dog to greet the visitor after they have stayed quiet
- [ ] Use high-value treats during training
- [ ] Keep your dog separated if they lunge or snap at visitors