



The Yellow Dog Project

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Often, you will be asked what The Yellow Dog Project stands for, and we have compiled a list of exactly what it is NOT. It is very important to remember the following information while promoting The Yellow Dog Project in your community:

TYDP is NOT an excuse to avoid proper training

Wearing a yellow ribbon is a way to identify that a dog is in training and working on "space issues." This may be a temporary thing, such as recovering from surgery, or a long-term, such as abused or rehabilitating shelter dogs. Whatever the reason, it is NOT an excuse! If you have an outright aggressive dog, you must seek proper training from a qualified professional. This organization promotes the awareness of dogs who need space, but it is not an excuse for lack of training.

TYDP is NOT an admittance of guilt or a confession

Some people know they have a dog with space issues, but see it as an embarrassment or a confession. They do not want to tell the world "stay away from my dog." Wearing a yellow ribbon is NOT an admission of guilt. Dogs can have space issues for a variety of reasons and you are not the only person with a yellow dog. There are most likely many people in your community who are "hiding" their pet issues rather than working on them. Be proud of your furry family member and the work you are putting into him/her!

TYDP is NOT a waiver of responsibility

By having your dog wear a yellow ribbon, you are identifying that your friend has space issues. This does not mean that people will no longer approach you, or that it is now ok to take your pet to a highly populated area (such as a dog park where many dogs are off leash). Wearing a ribbon identifies that you have a dog in training for their space troubles and you are taking responsibility for your pet's actions. Putting your dog in a highly stressful scenario when you are working through these issues is asking for trouble. Awareness for TYDP and what it stands for is being promoted but it is still very new. Not all people know what it means. You cannot assume that you can let your guard down as soon as you put a yellow ribbon on.