



# LOOSE-LEASH WALKING

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## What is our goal?

Our goal with loose leash walking is to ensure a more enjoyable walking experience for the dog and owner!

With training, this can look like your dog walking at your side, with the leash in a loose “J” shape.

## Consistency is key...

- Continue this process of taking a step while maintaining focus and rewarding.
- Over time, we will increase the steps taken before rewarding.
- If the dog attempts to pull ahead, don't pull back on the leash. Simply remain still and wait for them to return.

## Let's start training!

- Start with your dog at your side along with your rewards.
- Attempt to obtain your dog's attention with the reward.
- Take one step while maintaining the dog's attention and give reward.

## Reward, reward, reward!

- Ensure we have something valuable to use as a reward.
- Remember to keep this reward on the same side as the dog.
- Hold the reward at the dog's nose level.
- When the dog accomplishes the desired task, we need to “mark” the correct behavior - you can use a clicker or a simple “yes” followed by a treat reward.

## Check out these helpful resources!



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