



# LOOSE LEASH WALKING

## 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 simply “yes” followed by a treat reward!

## Check out these helpful videos!

