

Loose Leash Walking



Help energetic dogs learn to stay closer to you and not pull strongly during walks so that dog walks can be safer, easier, and more fun.

Get as many people as possible to practice *Loose Leash Walking* **every time** they walk a dog. Progress may be slow at first, but consistent practice will help dogs learn which behaviors are rewarded.

HINT: Hold the leash so it's slack when the dog is two feet from you. Always take along a pouch stocked with very tasty treats!

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If the dog pulls forward at the end of the leash, stop and stand still.

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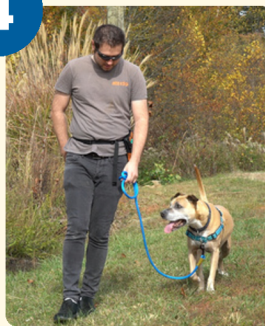
Wait for the dog to look at you or come within two feet of you.

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Say "Yes!" and hold a tasty treat low enough that they can eat it without jumping up.

4



Continue your walk. During your walk, reward **every time** the dog looks at you or comes within two feet of you. Repeat this full process **every time** they pull.

TIP



If the dog will not come within two feet of you for even a moment, hold treats in your hand so the dog must approach to eat them.