

DOOR ROUTINE

WHY: To teach that an open door is not an invitation to exit

HOW:

- With the dog on leash, approach the door.
- Pause for ~10 seconds to allow the dog to make the choice to sit.
- Offer the cue "sit" and reinforce as needed.
- Open the door.
 - If the dog stands up, reinforce the sit.
 - If the dog moves forward toward the opening, close the door, reinforce the sit, then reopen the door.
 - The leash should not prevent the dog from forging through the opening at any point--
the door should!
- Wait for the dog to look up at you, then cue "free" and allow the dog to walk through the door.

NOTE:

If the dog is new to the door routine or does not know sit, have the dog stand at the door and wait for eye contact to release them.

