

Need More Help?

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Loose Leash Walking

Become a better team..Together!





What?

Loose Leash Walking is defined as your dog walking next to you with the leash forming a "J" from his collar to your hand not pulling you towards fire hydrants, bushes, other dogs, etc.

When/Where to Start?

First and foremost, you will need to start loose leash training BEFORE you head out for a walk. Training in Low Distraction environments, such as your house, give the dog a chance to learn the rules of the game; therefore, setting him up for SUCCESS. Once they have the general understanding of the rules, you can move outside during Low traffic (distraction) times. Dogs don't generalize so you will have a learning curve each time you change environments.

"The main reason for lack of success & unhappiness is trading what you want most for what you want right now."

-Zig Ziglar

Why?

Loose leash walking makes the walk enjoyable for both you and your dog. If your dog is pulling you and you tighten or yank the leash, the dog will pull against it harder. Making sure your dog understands the rules to the game will make both of you not only feel better, but more a team! Remember, in the dog world, they don't know what a leash is, so we must teach them with patience and repetition.

How?

There are several different ways to teach loose leash walking. Some require little work on your end of the leash, others require more. Every dog is different, so don't lose hope if training just one way does not work. There are always other options. This pamphlet will not tell you how to train loose leash walking because you and your dog will be the ones to determine which way works best. If you say, "My dog won't do that", you've just doomed your dog to failure. Stay positive!

What do I do now?

If you are frustrated with walking your dog and are invested in finding ways to train your dog to walk on a loose leash, **call me** now and we can work together to help both you and your dog have more fun walking, hiking, running together as a team!

Things to Remember:

- ❖ **There is no such thing as a QUICK FIX!** Learning takes time and patience
- ❖ All dogs learn at different paces and in different ways
- ❖ **Using food** will be a short-term tool used to aid in learning
- ❖ **If your dog messes up**, do not get discouraged or yank the leash, **Laugh** and try again.
- ❖ All your feelings are felt by the dog down the leash, so remain calm and confident
- ❖ **Do Not** introduce dogs on leash
- ❖ Set your puppy up for success
- ❖ Always end with your dog wanting more!