

Process for ignoring others while on a walk or in public

The purpose of ignoring others while on a walk is simple, we don't want our dogs to get overly excited and jump on others or get so excited that they get off the leash and run into the street.

When you are walking your dog, and someone or something is approaching you with another dog or just themselves you strongly tell your dog to ignore and take their attention away from what or who is approaching you. To do this give them a task (eyes, on me, watch me, etc.) if this is working continue your walk. Since they are focusing on you and not the ones approaching make sure you praise this behavior with loves and treats. If this is not working, give your dog a proper correction with the leash, this will take their concentration off what they are looking at. Always praise good behavior and discourage bad behavior.

The more that you go out walking with your dog the more they get used to ignoring others around them and will begin to only focus on you. This will stay true if you continue to focus on them and do not get distracted yourself.

