FIVE TIPS FOR LEASH WALKING

START INSIDE

Start your leash walking adventures inside, with few distractions. Since restricted walks are as hard for dogs as for kids, use savory treats, fun toys and positive encouragement to teach your dog to stay with you.

LEASH ON EQUALS FUN

Place your dog on a leash whenever you’re playing or feeding her. Teach her that leash on, means the fun begins. Slowly pick up the leash & encourage your dog to follow you. Call her name as you change directions & use a word like Wait to get her to stop. Reward and praise lavishly!

NO-PULL HELPERS

If your dog is addicted to pulling and you’re at your wits’ end, consider a walking aid: lots of people use them and it sure beats choking! Front clip harnesses and nose halters are good choices. Find someone to help you fit your dog.

REWARD GOOD BEHAVIOR

A Clicker or word marker are helpful to teach your dog good walking manners. Remember to tell your dog what to do: “Let’s go, Wait, Sit or Watch me,” versus tugging or getting upset when she strains! Reward good behavior.

SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Set the example of calm. Turn away from a distraction, and ignore your dog until she’s calm. You might need to walk away from other animals or people until she learns that reactive behavior never gets rewarded. Stay calm and remember to tell your dog what to do, not what not to do.

DOGS SPEND A LOT OF TIME HANGING AROUND THE HOUSE – IT’S SAFE AND COMFORTABLE BUT A BIT LIMITING. SHARE THE WORLD WITH YOUR DOG BY LEARNING HOW TO WALK TOGETHER!

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