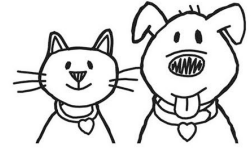




Resources for Pet Owners



Loose Leash Walking Training Methods

WALK, STOP AND LOOK

Just walk around with the dog on leash. When the dog is looking at something else, STOP MOVING. When the dog looks back at you say "yes" reward close to your legs. Never step towards the dog to feed, make the dog come to you.

CLOSE

This simply means that the dog can walk or run along beside the handler. Start teaching "side" by having the dog sit and wait. Walk out to stand about six feet directly in front of your dog with your back to the dog. Drop one hand only and say side or close or whatever words you choose for your command. To help the dog understand this, feed where you want the dog to be, beside you with the hand closest to the dog.

It is important to remember not to allow your other hand to drop or flap when teaching this. It may be helpful to work with someone to watch you and remind you about the other hand.

Once the dog is doing this reliably from a stationery position, add some movement and start walking forward. Remember to feed the dog beside you, not in front of you.