

## Focus:

Approaching leash holder without jumping  
SIT command  
No pulling on leash  
Responding to name  
Focus and engagement with leash holder

## When to reward/what to reward for:

Any engagement with leash holder  
    Eye contact or approaching  
Calm approach to leash holder  
Sitting on command  
Follows leash holder when they move or turn  
Approaches leash holder when name is called

## Activities:

Work each activity in order until dog begins to understand the goals and respond quickly. Keep training sessions at a maximum of 45 minutes in order to not overstimulate the dog or lose their interest. At the beginning of each training session start from the beginning of the activity list to refresh the dog on what they have been learning before moving on to the activity that is currently in progress.

1. Give full length of the leash and reward for engagement with you while you stand still to get dog comfortable in surroundings
2. Call dog while standing still and reward for returning when name is called
3. Ask for SIT when approached by dog
4. Walk around area and reward dog for giving slack in the leash or returning to handler while walking around

## Goals:

Dog keeps focus (partial or full) on handler when on a leash  
Build basis for loose leash walking  
    Stays within leash radius without pulling/self corrects when pulling  
    Turns to handler when changing directions (slowly or abruptly)  
Begins automatic sit and front upon recall  
Responds to name with focus and recall to front

## Focus:

DOWN command

WAIT command

COME command

Refresh SIT command

## When to reward/what to reward for:

Successful DOWN, WAIT, COME, and SIT commands

Focus, check ins, or engagement with leash holder

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1. Leash holder stays stationary and lures dog into DOWN position
  - a. Redirect dog with a NO if they begin to sniff the ground
2. Build SIT duration by placing in SIT command followed by WAIT command
  - a. Reward often, slowly building time between treats
3. Implement same technique to build DOWN duration
4. Begin adding distance to the WAIT command in both SIT and DOWN with same technique
5. Recall with COME from WAIT command
  - a. Ask for SIT upon approach to avoid jumping or running around in excitement

## Goals:

Immediate DOWN on command

No sniffing

WAIT command

Minimum 6' distance

Minimum 45 second duration

Immediate response to COME command

Automatically moves into FRONT and SIT positions