

LOOSE LEASH WALKING

Dog will walk at slow pace on a loose leash to a visible pile of high value food 15-20 feet away



STEP	WHAT YOU DO	WHAT THE DOG DOES	CONSEQUENCE
1	Place small pile of high value food (or novel toy) on the ground 25-20 feet from dog and let the dog see it without allowing access to it	Dog sees you put it down but doesn't have access to it	
2	Go to start position 15-20 feet away from food pile with dog on leash. Ask dog for a sit.	Dog sits.	
3	As soon as dog sits, give release cue, "OK, let's go" and begin slowly walking towards food pile.	Dog walks forward.	Keep moving as long as the leash stays loose from the point where you're holding the leash to where it's connected to the harness/collar. If it stays loose the entire time, dog gets to the pile of food and eats it. Do not change your speed to move faster to keep up with the dog. If the dog is pulling to get to the food, the instant the leash tightens, mark "TOO BAD" and instantly turn around and go back to the starting line. Pulling doesn't get the dog closer to the food, it has a penalty and sets back to the beginning.