

WAIT AT DOORWAY/STAIRS

Teaching your dog to wait at doorways or stairs until released.



Goal: Dog will wait at open doorway or stairwell until released with "OK"

Pre-req: Your dog sits on verbal and hand signal cues.

STEP	WHAT TO DO
1	Dog on leash (for safety). Cue sit. Open interior door (like a bedroom door) half way for 1 second. Release dog using "OK" if dog holds sit for 1 second and allow dog to go through door as reward then return inside. If dog breaks sit, immediately mark "too bad" and close door right away.
2	Same as above but open door fully. Wait 1 second to release.
3	Same as above but open door fully for 3 seconds.
4	Repeat step 3 with different door. Can be door to exterior or another more difficult door.
5	Repeat step 3 with baby gate at stairs or top of stairwell if no gate
6	Same but 5 seconds to release down stairs.
7	Same but 10 seconds to release down stairs.
8	Add in distractions, like you starting to go down stairs, working 1 step at a time and returning to dog to release.
9	Practice at various doors, including dog in car/hatch, and with different people