

Does Your Dog Pull?

Three steps to teach your dog not to pull on leash

Dogs learn to pull because pulling means that they get to their destination faster. It's not about you—you just happen to be on the other end of the leash. Teaching your dog not to pull on leash will take some time, patience, and a lot of treats!



STEP 1

While walking your dog, freeze each time they pull. Don't move any farther and wait for them to look at you. As soon as your dog looks at you, give them a treat.



When your dog is looking at you reliably when you stop, begin waiting till they come back to your side and the leash is loose before giving the treat.

STEP 2

Once your dog is regularly returning to your side, start taking a few steps before giving the treat. Slowly increase the number of steps you take before giving a treat.

STEP 3

If you or your dog are struggling with any of these steps, or any other behavior problem, consider reaching out to a CCPDT certified trainer. Problems with training and behavior can occur for many reasons and a certified trainer can help you find the perfect tools and training for your dog.

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