



# Teaching **LOOSE LEASH WALK**

## Beginner - Footwork

1. With dog on leash and on your side start walking, allowing the dog to go to the end of the leash.
2. After 5-10 steps if dog is not pulling mark and reward. If dog starts to pull stop moving and turn around making the dog follow you.
3. Mark and reward every 5-10 steps that the dog is following your direction and not pulling on the leash.
4. At anytime when the dog pulls, turn around and walk the opposite direction.
5. **Loose Leash walking is not heel. Loose leash walking allows the dog to walk in front and smell around with slack on the leash.**

## Intermediate-Adding in 'Let's Go' Cue

1. Repeat the above steps but instead of giving a food reward, try rewarding with praise and or pets
2. Allowing the dog to smell around for a few seconds then saying "let's go" if the dog moves forward within a long second mark and reward.
3. If the dog does not move say dogs name to get attention then repeat let's go moving onward. If the dog moves with you mark and reward.

## Generalize

1. At this stage the dog should know what behavior we want while out on a walk
2. We will use Loose Leash walk 90% of the time while out on a walk. The other 10% you will use heel.