

THE LEASH-PULLING FIX



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WELCOME TO THE 30-DAY NO-PULL TRAINING PROGRAM! 🐶

If you're here, chances are your daily walks have felt more like a **tug-of-war match** than a peaceful stroll. Maybe your dog **drags you down the street, lunges at distractions, or completely ignores you** the second they step outside. Sound familiar? You're not alone—**leash pulling is one of the most common struggles dog owners face**. But here's the good news: it doesn't have to be this way. In just **30 days**, using simple, proven techniques, you can transform your dog into a **calm, focused walking companion**, without frustration, harsh corrections, or expensive training programs.

This guide is designed to be **straightforward, practical, and actually fun** (for both you and your dog). Each day builds on the last, walking you through **engagement drills, structured leash work, distraction-proofing, and even off-leash reliability**, all broken down into manageable, **step-by-step training drills and games**. Whether your dog is a stubborn puller, a reactive mess, or just overly excited, this program will give you the tools to regain control and **enjoy stress-free walks again**.

What to expect from this program:

- ✔ *Simple, Daily Exercises – No complex techniques, just easy-to-follow steps.*
- ✔ *Real-World Training – Designed for sidewalks, parks, and everyday distractions.*
- ✔ *No Harsh Corrections – Uses positive reinforcement for lasting results*
- ✔ *Works for All Breeds & Ages – Whether you have a young pup or an older dog set in their ways.*
- ✔ *Gradual Progression – From leash manners to advanced off-leash skills.*

So grab some **treats, a leash, and a little patience**, because in **30 days**, you won't just have a better-behaved dog, you'll have a **stronger bond and more enjoyable walks for life**. Let's get started! 🐶

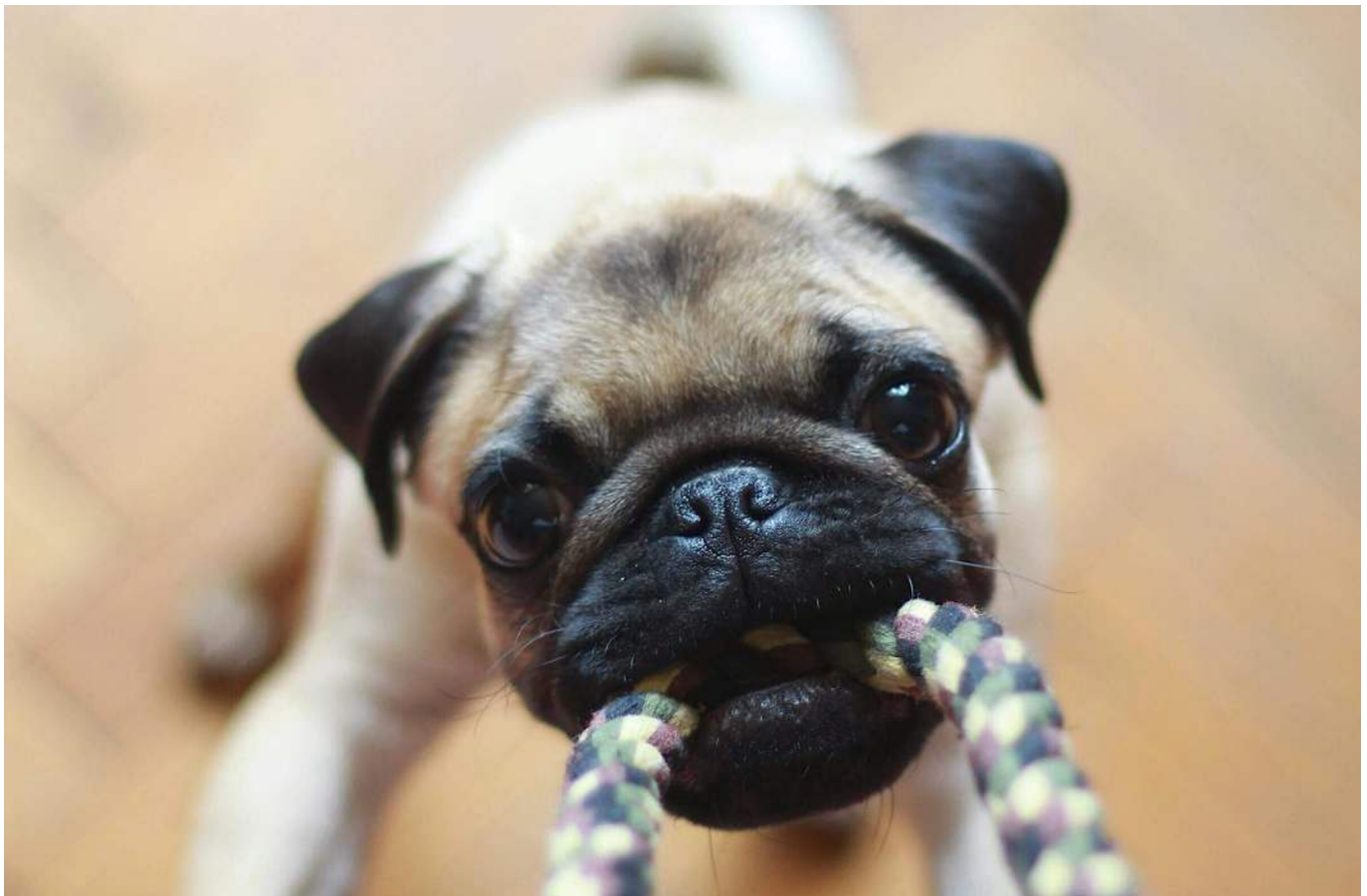
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SECTION 1: UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM & WHY IT MATTERS

WHY LEASH PULLING IS MORE THAN JUST AN ANNOYANCE

Every dog owner dreams of peaceful walks—strolling down the street with their furry companion calmly trotting beside them. But for most owners, reality looks very different. Instead of relaxation, walks turn into a frustrating **tug-of-war battle**. Your dog lunges forward, you yank back, your arms ache, and you feel **completely out of control**.

If this sounds familiar, you're not alone. Studies show that a staggering **83% of dog owners** struggle with leash pulling. And it's not just an inconvenience—it can lead to **serious injuries, long-term behavioural issues, and even health risks for your dog**.



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THE HIDDEN DANGERS OF LEASH PULLING

1. INJURY RISKS FOR DOG OWNERS

Most people don't realize that leash pulling is a **leading cause of injuries** among dog owners. Between **2001 and 2020, over 422,659 adults in the U.S. were hospitalized** due to leash-related injuries. Many of these incidents involved **falls, sprains, and even fractures** caused by sudden pulling. Women over 40 are the **most at risk**, suffering from wrist, shoulder, and hip injuries.



2. HEALTH RISKS FOR DOGS

Leash pulling doesn't just affect you—it can also cause long-term **physical harm to your dog**. Studies show that excessive pulling leads to:

- ✓ **Tracheal & esophageal damage** (especially in small breeds)
- ✓ **Laryngeal collapse** (in brachycephalic breeds like Pugs & Bulldogs)
- ✓ **Increased eye pressure**, worsening conditions like glaucoma



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WHY “QUICK FIXES” DON'T WORK

Many dog owners try to solve leash pulling by buying **no-pull harnesses, retractable leashes, choke chains, or prong collars**. But research shows that these devices don't actually **teach your dog to stop pulling**—in fact, some make it worse and can even encourage your dog to pull.

● **No-pull harnesses:** Some models cause **dogs to lean forward**, increasing pulling force. The harness spreads the load of force across a larger area. Whilst this will cause less harm to your dog, it gives them a significant increase in pulling power, making it unsafe for you and the dog.

● **Retractable leashes:** They encourage **constant tension**, reinforcing pulling behaviour. Retractable leashes also offer no advantage in actually training your dog to walk on lead. They also provide far less control than a conventional leash and are prone to tangling and potentially causing injury to yourself, your dog or others.

● **Prong collars & choke chains:** Can cause **pain & fear**, leading to stress-based pulling rather than obedience. From a psychological perspective, using a prong collar or choke chain can cause fear, anxiety and even aggression in your dog. This may cause your dog to react to training out of fear and not comprehension. The physical injuries that can be caused by prong collars and choke chains can be significant including cervical spinal fractures, damage to the trachea, esophagus and larynx, nerve damage etc.

THE SCIENCE BEHIND WHY DOGS PULL

Dogs don't pull because they're **stubborn or trying to dominate**—they pull because of **instinct**. When a dog feels pressure on the leash, it triggers the **Opposition Reflex**—a natural response that causes them to **pull harder** against it. The more you tug back, the more they resist.



- ✓ **Dogs walk faster than humans** → Natural pace mismatch
- ✓ **Excitement & overstimulation** → Distractions make it hard to focus
- ✓ **Past reinforcement** → If pulling gets them where they want, they keep doing it

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Understanding these biological instincts is **key** to stopping leash pulling for good. The goal isn't to overpower your dog—it's to **train them to choose loose-leash walking**.

WHAT'S NEXT? THE PATH TO STRESS-FREE WALKS

Now that you understand the **real reasons** behind leash pulling, it's time to fix it. In the next section, we'll lay the **foundation for effective loose-leash training**—from picking the right equipment to using positive reinforcement that actually works.

SECTION 2: THE FOUNDATION OF LOOSE-LEASH TRAINING

WHY MOST TRAINING FAILS & WHAT YOU NEED TO DO DIFFERENTLY

Most dog owners try to fix leash pulling by **pulling back, using a tighter grip, or switching between different tools**, hoping something will work. The problem? None of these teach your dog what you actually want. All of these techniques actually encourage pulling, resulting in bad habits and difficulty correcting your dogs behaviour.

- **Mistake #1: Relying on Equipment Alone** – No-pull harnesses, prong collars, and retractable leashes don't train behaviour—they only manage it temporarily. Dogs need to learn **how to walk calmly** rather than relying on a tool to physically restrict movement. Without training, they often revert back to pulling once the tool is removed.
- **Mistake #2: Using Leash Corrections Incorrectly** – Many owners believe that yanking the leash when a dog pulls will teach them to stop. In reality, this creates **stress and tension**, which can actually make pulling worse and lead to **negative associations with walks**.
- **Mistake #3: Inconsistency** – Dogs thrive on **clear, predictable rules**. If one day they're allowed to pull and another day they're not, they get confused. This inconsistency delays learning and makes leash training ineffective.

**“FIXING LEASH PULLING ISN'T ABOUT STOPPING BAD BEHAVIOUR
—IT'S ABOUT TEACHING YOUR DOG THE RIGHT BEHAVIOUR.”**

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CHOOSING THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT FOR TRAINING SUCCESS

Your leash and collar/harness setup will either **help** or **hurt your training**. Here's what you need:

- ✓ **Leash:** A **6-foot, non-retractable leash** gives your dog room to walk without excess slack. This is important because a leash that is too short restricts movement and creates tension, while a retractable leash **encourages pulling** by constantly rewarding forward movement.
- ✓ **Front-clip Harness:** A **front-clip harness** reduces pulling while keeping pressure off the throat. Unlike a back-clip harness, which can encourage pulling by triggering the **opposition reflex**, a front-clip design gently redirects the dog's movement back toward the owner.
- ✓ **Training Rewards:** High-value treats (liver treats, milky sticks etc.) + a clicker or verbal marker that can reinforce correct behaviour and help build a positive association with walking correctly. This method is backed by **positive reinforcement training studies**, which have shown it to be the most effective approach for long-term behavioural changes in dogs.



6-Foot Non-retractable Leash

These leashes are typically 4-6 feet long and made of materials like nylon or rope. They lack the spring-loaded mechanism and handle found on retractable leashes, which allows the leash to be extended and retracted.



Front-clip Harness

a type of dog harness designed to discourage pulling on the leash by attaching the leash to a ring located on the dog's chest, rather than the back. The leash tension causes the dog to pivot towards the handler, rather than pulling them forward.



Training Rewards

Rewards aren't just treats; rewards can be any food, praise, affection, toys, or anything your dog finds rewarding. This will vary from dog to dog, just like us, dogs have preferences when it comes to food and fun.

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SETTING THE FOUNDATION: 3 GOLDEN RULES OF LEASH TRAINING

To get results, you need to establish three critical habits:

- ✓ **Rule #1: Reward the Right Behavior Immediately** – Timing is everything. If your dog walks nicely, **mark and reward instantly** so they associate the behavior with the reward. Waiting too long to reward can cause confusion, as your dog may not connect the treat with walking correctly.
- ✓ **Rule #2: Control the Environment at First** – Training should begin in a **quiet, low-distraction area** before progressing to more stimulating environments. Dogs struggle to focus in new or exciting places, so setting them up for success early on prevents frustration.
- ✓ **Rule #3: Be Consistent** – Every person in the household must follow the same leash rules; otherwise, training will be inconsistent and ineffective. Dogs learn through repetition, and mixed signals from different family members can delay progress.

[Insert Infographic: The 3 Golden Rules Visual Breakdown]

THE ENGAGEMENT GAME: TEACHING YOUR DOG TO CHECK IN WITH YOU

Before expecting your dog to walk nicely, they need to learn that **you are the most exciting thing on the walk—not distractions**. Here's how:

- 1 Name Recognition Drill:** Say your dog's name and reward them when they make eye contact. Repeat 10 times daily. This builds responsiveness and ensures your dog **pays attention to you** during walks.
 - 2 Focus on Me Game:** Hold a treat near your face—reward your dog when they look at you instead of their surroundings. This strengthens engagement and helps your dog ignore distractions.
 - 3 The "Find It" Trick:** Toss a treat near your feet; when your dog looks up at you for another, reward them. This keeps their focus on you instead of scanning for distractions.
- ♦ **Goal:** Your dog learns to **regularly check in with you** instead of pulling toward distractions.

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HOW TO HOLD THE LEASH FOR MAXIMUM CONTROL

Your leash handling technique affects how much control you have. Use this grip:

- ✓ **Loop the leash around your thumb, hold it firmly but relaxed** – This ensures a **secure grip** while allowing for **controlled slack adjustments** without straining your wrist. A relaxed hold prevents unnecessary tension from being sent down the leash, which can encourage pulling.
- ✓ **Keep your hands near your belly button** – This keeps the leash **centered at your core**, giving you **better balance and control** over sudden movements. By anchoring your hands in one place, you reduce the risk of losing control if your dog lunges.
- ✓ **Avoid wrapping the leash around your wrist** – Doing this can result in **serious injury** if your dog pulls suddenly, leaving you unable to release the leash in an emergency. Instead, hold the leash securely in a way that allows for quick adjustments.

NEXT STEPS: MOVING INTO THE 30-DAY TRAINING PLAN

Now that your foundation is set, it's time to begin the structured **30-day leash training plan** that will eliminate pulling once and for all. In the next section, we'll break down the daily training schedule, drills, and progression steps.



SECTION 3: THE 30-DAY NO-PULL TRAINING PLAN

HOW THIS PLAN WILL TRANSFORM YOUR WALKS

This structured **30-day training plan** is designed to eliminate leash pulling by teaching your dog to **choose** loose-leash walking instead of being forced into it. By following a step-by-step approach, you'll build a strong foundation, teach essential skills, and gradually expose your dog to real-world distractions while maintaining control.

- ✓ **Science-backed techniques** that align with canine learning principles.
- ✓ **Short, daily training sessions** (10-15 minutes) for real results. It's not the duration of the sessions, but the consistency.
- ✓ **Proven reinforcement strategies** to keep your dog engaged and motivated throughout the process.

30 Day No-Pull Training Plan							
Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week 1	Name Recognition & Eye Contact– The Building Blocks of Focus 🐕	Name Recognition & Eye Contact– The Building Blocks of Focus 🐕	The “Engagement Game”– Making YOU More Interesting Than Distractions 🐕👤	The “Engagement Game”– Making YOU More Interesting Than Distractions 🐕👤	Introducing Loose Leash Walking – Teaching Calm Walking Behaviour 🐕👤	Introducing Loose Leash Walking – Teaching Calm Walking Behaviour 🐕👤	Troubleshooting & Reinforcement 💡
Week 2	Follow Me Game – Reinforcing Natural Heel Position 🚶🐕	Follow Me Game – Reinforcing Natural Heel Position 🚶🐕	Introducing the “Let’s Go” Cue - Creating a Verbal Walking Command 🚶🐕	Introducing the “Let’s Go” Cue - Creating a Verbal Walking Command 🚶🐕	Controlled Distractions – Teaching Focus in Real-World Situations 🔔	Controlled Distractions – Teaching Focus in Real-World Situations 🔔	Review & Reinforce – Strengthening All Learned Behaviors 🐕👤
Week 3	Handling Other Dogs & People – Teaching Correct Social Walking Behaviour 🐕👤🐕	Handling Other Dogs & People – Teaching Correct Social Walking Behaviour 🐕👤🐕	Structured Walks with Fewer Treats – Transitioning to Real-Life Walking Behaviour < 🗝️	Structured Walks with Fewer Treats – Transitioning to Real-Life Walking Behaviour < 🗝️	Increasing Walk Duration – Preparing for Longer, Stress-Free Walks ⌚	Increasing Walk Duration – Preparing for Longer, Stress-Free Walks ⌚	Handling Unexpected Distractions – Teaching Composure Under Pressure 🐕👤🚗
Week 4	Handling Unexpected Distractions – Teaching Composure Under Pressure 🐕👤🚗	Off-Leash Foundations (For Advanced Control) 🐕🚶	Off-Leash Foundations (For Advanced Control) 🐕🚶	Handling High-Level Distractions – Proofing for Real-World Walking 🚗🔔🐕	Handling High-Level Distractions – Proofing for Real-World Walking 🚗🔔🐕	The Off-Leash Walking Test – Can Your Dog Walk Without a Leash? 🐕👤	The Graduation Walk – Your Final Off-Leash Challenge 🎉🐕👤

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PHASE 1: FOUNDATIONAL TRAINING (WEEK 1)

Establishing Trust, Focus, and Engagement - Introduction to Foundational Training

Before we even think about tackling leash pulling, we need to rewire your dog's mindset. Right now, your dog likely sees walks as an **exciting free-for-all** where pulling gets them to their destination *faster*. Instead, we'll teach them that a calm, focused walk is more rewarding than lunging and yanking.

The first two weeks focus on three core principles:

- ✓ Engagement – Teaching your dog that looking at you leads to good things.
- ✓ Impulse Control – Helping your dog learn patience instead of chasing every distraction.
- ✓ Leash Awareness – Teaching your dog that a loose leash is the fastest way to move forward.

Day 1-2: Name Recognition & Eye Contact– The Building Blocks of Focus

Most dogs **tune their owners out during walks**. If your dog doesn't automatically look at you when they hear their name, you simply **don't exist** to them when distractions arise. We need to rewire their brain so that checking in with you becomes their default behaviour no matter what distractions may be present.



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◆ Step-by-Step Training Plan

1 Set Up the Right Environment

- Start indoors with **zero distractions**.
- Use **high-value treats** (cooked chicken, cheese pieces, freeze-dried liver treats).
- Have your dog on a **light leash** so you can guide them if needed.

2 Reinforce Their Name

- Say your dog's name once in a happy tone.
- The moment they look at you, vocalize it with a "Yes!" and **reward immediately**.
- If they don't look, **gently tug** their leash or make a clicking tongue sound to encourage them.
- Repeat **5-10 times per session**, 3x a day.

3 Increase the Difficulty

- Once your dog responds indoors, move to **low-distraction** areas (e.g., backyard).
- **Slowly increase distractions** (TV on, people in the room, toys nearby).
- If your dog ignores you, **reduce distractions and try again**.

◆ *Pro Trainer Tip* 💡 *Dogs learn fastest when rewards are exciting.*

If your dog loses focus, try:

- ✓ Switching to a **higher-value** treat (Cooked steak pieces, cooked salmon pieces, dog safe carob treats).
- ✓ Using a **happy, playful voice** instead of sounding robotic.
- ✓ Playing a game first (tug, fetch) **to make you more interesting**.

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Day 3-4: The “Engagement Game” – Making YOU More Interesting Than Distractions

♦ **Why It Works:** Your dog pulls because the world is way more exciting than you are. This exercise flips the script by rewarding your dog for **staying engaged with you at all times**. Giving you complete control over your dogs attention.

♦ How to Play

1 Begin the Game

- Start in a **Quiet Area** Have your dog on a **6-ft leash**.
- Hold 10-15 treats in one hand.
- Walk around randomly, but don't say anything yet.

2 Mark & Reward Engagement

- If your dog glances at you (even briefly), Acknowledge with a **“Yes!”** and give them a treat.
- If they **fully turn their body toward you**, giving you their full attention, jackpot reward! (3 treats in a row).
- **Keep moving**—let them choose to check in with you, encouraging them when they display correct behaviour.

3 Add Verbal Cues Without Treats, Once your dog regularly checks in, add the cue:

- ✓ **“Watch me”** (when they make eye contact).
- ✓ **“Let's go”** (when they follow your movement).

4 Level Up by Increasing Distractions

- Increase **distractions** slowly (practice outside, near a park, etc.).
- If they get distracted, **become more exciting** (change direction, use squeaky toy, **engage their attention**).

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♦ Common Mistakes & Fixes

✗ Your dog ignores you completely?

- ✓ Start inside with **no distractions**.
- ✓ Use a **higher-value** treat.
- ✓ Be more animated & engaging—**dogs love energy!!!**

✗ Your dog gets bored quickly?

- ✓ **Shorten the session** (5 minutes max).
- ✓ **Mix up rewards** (Variety in treats, game play, petting and acknowledgement).
- ✓ Increase difficulty **gradually**—don't add distractions too soon!

Day 5-6: Introducing Loose Leash Walking – Teaching Calm Walking Behaviour

♦ Most dogs learn pulling works, because pulling gets them places faster. The goal here is to remove that reward and make a calm walk on a loose leash the only way to move forward.

♦ How to Teach Loose Leash Walking

1 Set the Starting Rules

- Leash should be 6 feet long (**not retractable**).
- Dog must start the walk in a calm state—if they're hyper, **wait 5 minutes and try again**.
- No pulling = moving forward. **Pulling = Stop**.

2 Practice “Stop & Reset” Method

- Begin walking forward. If the leash remains loose, **acknowledge & reward** (“Yes!” + treat).
- If your dog pulls, **STOP immediately**. Wait until the leash loosens, then resume walking.

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3 The Turnaround Trick (For Persistent Pullers)

- The moment your dog pulls, **immediately turn and walk the opposite way.**
- **Don't yank**—just change direction quickly so they have to follow.
- When they catch up and the leash is loose, reward (Yes! + treat). This teaches your dog that: **“Pulling makes me go backward, staying loose on the leash lets me move forward.”**

◆ REAL-WORLD EXAMPLE 🐕

Case Study: Bella the Labrador

Bella used to drag her owner down the street the second she saw another dog.

- ✓ After one week of using “Stop & Reset” + “Turnaround Trick,” she began checking in with her owner first.
- ✓ After two weeks, she was walking calmly past distractions 80% of the time.



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Day 7: Troubleshooting & Reinforcement

◆ What If My Dog Still Pulls?

🐾 **Solution 1:** Try a Front-Clip Harness Some dogs need extra feedback—a front-clip harness helps redirect pulling.

🐾 **Solution 2:** Increase Rewards If your dog pulls toward something exciting, bring out a **higher-value reward**.

🐾 **Solution 3:** Make Walks **Less Predictable!** Walk in different directions randomly so your dog focuses on you and not the path ahead. A less familiar walk will also stop your dog from anticipating the destination and therefore rushing ahead.

🐾 **Solution 4:** Reduce Excitement Before Walks! Try 5 minutes of training or tug-of-war play before heading out. Another idea is to treat walks as though they're mundane and common occurrences, don't make a big deal out of them and your dog won't either.

Conclusion of Phase 1

After Week 1 of the plan, your dog should:

- ✓ Recognize their name **instantly and look at you when called**.
- ✓ Check in **frequently** instead of being 100% distracted.
- ✓ Start to **understand that pulling halts progress**.

◆ **Next Steps:** In Week 2, we'll introduce verbal cues, handling distractions, and structured walking exercises to reinforce leash manners.

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PHASE 2: ADVANCED LEASH TRAINING (WEEK 2-3)

Strengthening Engagement & Overcoming Distractions

'NOW THAT YOUR DOG UNDERSTANDS HOW TO STAY BY YOUR SIDE, IT'S TIME TO REINFORCE THIS BEHAVIOUR IN SLIGHTLY MORE CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS.'

By now, your dog should:

- ✓ Recognize their name and make eye contact with you **consistently**.
- ✓ Understand that **pulling halts movement** while a loose leash allows forward progress.
- ✓ Check in with you more frequently instead of being **completely distracted**.

Now, we take it up a level by introducing verbal cues, controlled distractions, and structured leash drills to **reinforce good habits and eliminate problematic behaviours**.

Day 8-9: Follow Me Game – Reinforcing Natural Heel Position

♦ **Why It Works:** Dogs naturally follow their owners off-leash in a safe, distraction free and open space. This game harnesses that instinct and makes **following you the most rewarding part of the walk**.

1 Start in a Controlled Space

- Use a long training leash (10-15 feet) **in a quiet yard or park**.
- Have **high-value** treats ready.
- Walk without giving any commands—**just let your dog roam**.

2 Reward Check-Ins

- If your dog **naturally** turns to look at you, acknowledge & reward immediately (**“Yes!” + treat**).
- If they start **walking toward you**, give a jackpot reward (3 treats in a row).

“IF YOUR DOG PULLS TOWARD DISTRACTIONS, GO BACK A STEP AND INCREASE THE REWARD RATE.”

3 Encourage Following

- Randomly change direction and encourage your dog to follow.
- Reward **every time** they adjust their direction to follow you.

4 Add Verbal Cues

- Once they consistently follow, add a cue like “Let’s go” before moving.
- If they get distracted, **use a happy voice with a bright and positive tone to re-engage them.**

Remember: Dogs are highly attuned to the tone of our voices and body language, which can heavily influence their reactions. They can interpret our emotions and intentions based on our tone, facial expressions, and body movements.

Common Mistakes & Fixes

✗ Dog ignores you?

✓ **Be more exciting to re-engage them**—pick up the pace to a jog, use a squeaky toy, clicker toy or change direction more often.

✗ Dog only follows for treats?

- ✓ Reduce food rewards **gradually**—switch to verbal praise and play rewards.
- ✓ If using a clicker, make sure you click it **every time your dog is rewarded with a treat**, they will associate the sound with the treat and this will act as a form of positive reinforcement, **ensuring your dog understands what the desired behaviour is.**

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Day 10-11: Introducing the “Let’s Go” Cue - Creating a Verbal Walking Command

♦ **Why It Matters** Your dog needs to learn that when you say “Let’s go”, **they should move with you, not ahead of you.** This cue will eliminate hesitation and reduce leash tension over time.

♦ How to Teach It

1 Set Up in a Low-Distraction Area

- Have your dog on a 6-ft leash.
- Hold treats at your side, **not in front.**

2 Pair Movement with the Cue

- Say “Let’s go” in an **upbeat tone.**
- Immediately start walking in one direction.
- If your dog follows by your side, **acknowledge & reward.**

3 Correct Pulling Behaviour



















- If your dog lunges forward or pulls at the lead, **stop walking.**
- **Wait for them to return to your side,** then try again.
- If they’re struggling, use a treat to **guide them back into the correct walking beside you position.**

4 Practice in Different Settings

Try inside a low distraction area of your home first, then move out to the yard, sidewalk, and eventually busier and more distraction prone areas as your dogs behaviour improves.


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CAN YOUR DOG WALK POLITELY IN THESE SITUATIONS?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Training Environment
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Quiet Indoors (Living Room) 
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Backyard (Minimal Distractions) 
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Front Yard (Mild Distractions) 
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Park (More People & Dogs)  
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Busy Street (Cars & Noises)  
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Pet-Friendly Store (High Distractions)  
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Dog Park (Off-Leash Socialization)  

Use this checklist to tick off your dogs achievements as they progress with their training!

Remember, each time you tick off an achievement, its an exciting day! marking the progress that your dog has made along the journey to well mannered walks and more importantly, it makes a great accomplishment as their owner. Don't forget to pat yourself on the back, you're doing great!

- ◆ **Pro Trainer Tip**  *If your dog pulls ahead, don't yank—turn 180 degrees and say “Let's go” while walking in the opposite direction. This reinforces that pulling doesn't lead to progress.*

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Day 12-13: Controlled Distractions – Teaching Focus in Real-World Situations

♦ **Why It's Crucial:** Your dog isn't just training for quiet sidewalks—they need to stay engaged in real-world distractions like squirrels, bicycles, or other dogs and people.

♦ How to Train with Distractions

1 Start with Low-Level Distractions

- Use a friend or family member to walk past **from a distance**.
- If your dog **stays focused on you** whilst being presented this distraction, acknowledge and reward generously.

2 Gradually Increase Difficulty

- Move 5 feet closer each time.
- If your dog reacts (barking, pulling), **increase the distance** and try it again.

3 Use “Watch Me” to Regain Focus

- **Before passing a big distraction**, cue “Watch me” and reward eye contact.

4 Reward Calm Reactions

- If your dog glances at a distraction **but doesn't react to the distraction**, acknowledge & reward.

♦ Common Problems & Solutions

Dog lunges at distractions?

- ✓ Use a treat to lure them back into focus, then try again.

Dog ignores treats when outside or presented with distraction?

- ✓ Try using higher-value rewards. If they still ignore, increase distance from distractions. Remember, you're trying to make **YOU** their point of focus, so remain as engaging and exciting to them as you can be.

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“TRAINING ISN'T ABOUT PERFECTION—IT'S ABOUT PROGRESS. STAY PATIENT AND CONSISTENT.”

Day 14: Review & Reinforce – Strengthening All Learned Behaviors

- ◆ **Objective:** This is a consolidation day to test and reinforce everything learned so far.

◆ 🐶 **Checklist for Success** 🎉

✔ Task	🐾 Status
👉 Dog responds to their name immediately.	<input type="checkbox"/> 🦴
👁️ Dog checks in frequently during walks.	<input type="checkbox"/> 🐾
🚶 Dog moves forward calmly when hearing “Let’s go”.	<input type="checkbox"/> 🚶
🎯 Dog can handle mild distractions without lunging or pulling.	<input type="checkbox"/> 🐾

Use this checklist on day 14 to review and mark the progress your dog has made!

◆ **Checklist for Success**

By the end of week 2 your dog should:

- ✔ Respond to their name immediately.
- ✔ Check in frequently during walks.
- ✔ Move forward calmly when hearing “Let’s go” cue.
- ✔ Handle mild distractions without lunging or pulling.

- ◆ **How to Test Progress:** Walk in a slightly more distracting area (busier street, dog-friendly park). Randomly ask for eye contact, “Let’s go” cues, and leash reset drills. If your dog struggles, go back to easier environments and slowly build up again.

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PHASE 3: MASTERING LEASH WALKING IN REAL-WORLD SCENARIOS (WEEK 3-4)

Focus of phase 3: By this stage, your dog should have a solid foundation of **loose leash walking, focus cues, and controlled engagement in mildly distracting environments**. Now, we're going to refine these skills in **high-distraction environments** and introduce advanced training techniques and drills to ensure reliable and consistent behaviour in all situations.

Day 15-16: Handling Other Dogs & People – Teaching Correct Social Walking Behaviour

♦ **Why It's Important:** Many dogs struggle with reactivity or overexcitement when they see other dogs or people. This lesson teaches them to remain calm and walk politely, regardless of their surroundings.

♦ Step-by-Step Training Plan

1 Start with Controlled Distance

- Begin at a distance where your dog notices other dogs/people **but isn't reactive to them**.
- **If they remain calm**, acknowledge & reward their behaviour.

2 Slowly Decrease Distance

- **Over multiple sessions**, move a few feet closer to the distraction (eg. other dogs, other people) each time.
- If they start pulling, lunging or getting overexcited, move back to an easier distance and slowly try again.

3 Teach "Look at That" (LAT) Technique

- When your dog notices another dog/person, say **"Look at that" in a calm tone**.
- When they glance toward the distraction but remain calm, acknowledge & reward.
- This prevents reactive lunging and turns distractions into training opportunities.

"Look at that" (LAT) training, a technique developed by Leslie McDevitt for reactive dogs, teaches dogs to look at their triggers (what makes them react) and then look back to their handler while remaining calm, rewarding this behaviour.

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4 Controlled Walk-By

- Have a friend walk a dog **at a safe distance** while you walk yours.
- Practice stopping and rewarding calm behaviour before walking past each other.
- ♦ **Pro Trainer Tips** 💡 *For strong pullers: Use a longer training leash (10-15 feet) so your dog doesn't feel sudden pressure when turning.* 💡 *For distracted dogs: If your dog ignores the turn cue, use a high-value reward or a favourite toy to regain focus.*

Day 19-20: Structured Walks with Fewer Treats – Transitioning to Real-Life Walking Behaviour

- ♦ **Why It Matters:** At this point, your dog has been heavily rewarded for good behaviour. Now, we shift to a more natural routine where treats are used only when needed, and verbal praise replaces food rewards.
- ♦ **How to Reduce Treats Without Losing Behavior**

1 Switch to Variable Rewarding

- Instead of treating every time, **reward randomly (every 2nd or 3rd correct behaviour)**.
- **Keep your dog guessing**—sometimes give a treat, sometimes just praise or petting.

2 Use Real-Life Rewards

- Start reinforcing good behaviour with **real-world rewards instead of treats**:
- ✓ Reaching the park
- ✓ Greeting another dog
- ✓ Getting to sniff a tree

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3 Test Without Treats

- Try one full walk **without treats**, relying only on verbal praise and real-world rewards.
- If your dog struggles, reintroduce treats **briefly**, then phase them out again.
- ♦ **Pro Trainer Tips** 💡 *For strong pullers: Use a long leash (10-15 feet) so your dog doesn't feel sudden pressure when turning.* 💡 *For distracted dogs: If your dog ignores the turn cue, use a high-value reward or a favorite toy to regain focus.*

Day 21-22: Increasing Walk Duration – Preparing for Longer, Stress-Free Walks

♦ **Why It's Necessary:** Most dogs start strong but lose focus as walks get longer. This step builds endurance and sustained good behaviour. Over time, this training will result in consistent behaviour that you can rely on.

♦ How to Train for Longer Walks

1 Start Adding Time Gradually

- If your usual walk is 20 minutes, increase it by **5 - 10 minutes per session**.
- Focus on keeping behaviour **consistent throughout the entire walk**.

2 Vary Walking Routes

- Change the scenery to keep engagement high (new parks, trails, sidewalks).

3 Introduce Mid-Walk Check-Ins

- Every 5 minutes, ask for a **“watch me”** or **“let's go”** cue to reinforce focus.
- If your dog **stays engaged**, reward with petting, praise, or a play break.

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- ◆ *Pro Trainer Tips* 💡 *If your dog loses focus midway, stop for a short break, do a mini training session, then resume walking.* 💡 *Mental stimulation (sniffing, observing surroundings) tires dogs out just as much as physical exercise—let them explore occasionally.*

Day 23-24: Handling Unexpected Distractions – Teaching Composure Under Pressure

◆ **Why It's Key:** By now, your dog should handle basic distractions, but what about unexpected events like sirens, skateboards, or sudden noises?

◆ How to Prepare Your Dog for the Unexpected

1 Set Up Controlled Surprise Scenarios

- Have a friend walk by **quickly with a noisy object** (bike, shopping cart).
- If your dog stays calm, acknowledge & reward the good behaviour.

2 Use “Find It” to Redirect Attention

- Toss a treat on the ground and say “Find it!” **whenever a sudden and unexpected distraction appears.**
- This temporary measure gives your dog something positive to focus on instead of reacting.

3 Gradually Increase Surprise Levels

- Start with low-intensity surprises, then **introduce louder or faster distractions over time.**

- ◆ *Pro Trainer Tips* 💡 *If your dog panics, don't force them forward. Move back to a comfortable distance, then try again.* 💡 *Always reward calm behavior. If your dog stays relaxed during an unexpected distraction, jackpot reward!*

“DOGS COMMUNICATE THROUGH BODY LANGUAGE—LEARN THEIR CUES TO ADJUST TRAINING ACCORDINGLY.”

Day 25-26: Off-Leash Foundations (For Advanced Control)

♦ **Why It's Important:** Off-leash training provides dogs with **freedom and mental stimulation** while ensuring they remain under control—even without physical restraints. A well-trained off-leash dog should:

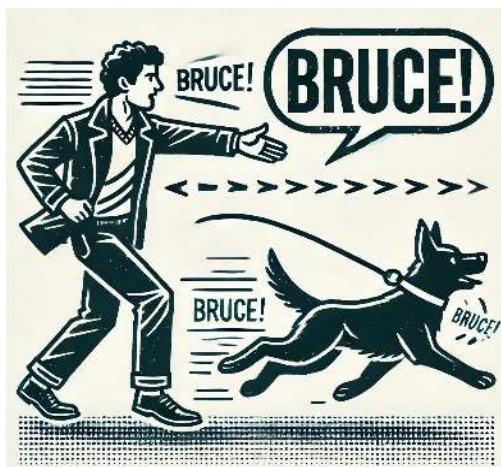
- ✓ Respond to recall instantly, even in distractions
- ✓ Maintain impulse control and stay close without wandering off
- ✓ Follow commands reliably, regardless of the environment

This phase will **reinforce focus, impulse control, and recall reliability**, ensuring your dog is safe and responsive in real-world settings.

♦ How to Introduce Off-Leash Training

1 Assess Readiness

- **Reliable Recall** – Your dog should return when called, even with distractions.
- **Basic Obedience** – Commands like sit, stay, and leave it should be well-established.
- **Calmness Around Distractions**– Your dog should remain composed around other dogs, people, and new environments.



💡 *Test: Does your dog recall consistently when on a 6-ft leash? If not, work on recall drills before advancing.*

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2 Utilize a Long Line for Transitional Training

- Attach it to a harness (not a collar) to avoid neck pressure.
 - Practice recall **in a quiet area**—call your dog and reward immediately when they return.
 - **Gradually increase distance** while ensuring your dog still responds
 - If your dog ignores you, **gently reel them in** with the long line and **acknowledge and reward them when they come to you.**
- ♦ **Pro Trainer Tip** 💡 **A long line builds confidence while preventing accidental runaways. It bridges the gap between leashed and off-leash control.**

3 Strengthen Recall Command

- **Use High-Value Rewards** – Reward **immediately and generously** every time your dog returns to you.
 - **Practice in Different Environments** – Start in your yard, then **progress to parks and trails.**
 - **Make Coming Back Fun!** – Call your dog in an **excited tone** and run backward to encourage pursuit.
 - **Introduce a Special Emergency Recall Cue** – A unique word (like "Here Now!") or **whistle recall** trained separately for emergencies only.
- ♦ **Common Mistakes & Fixes**

✗ Dog ignores recall on long leash outdoors?

- ✓ Use **higher-value rewards.**
- ✓ Reduce distractions—**start in quieter areas** before increasing difficulty.

✗ Dog comes halfway, then stops?

- ✓ **Quickly move backward** as they come to encourage full approach, using an **encouraging and exciting tone of voice.**
- ✓ Reward only when they reach you fully—**never mid-way.**

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4 Introduce Controlled Distractions

- Start in a **quiet area** with **minimal distractions**.
- Slowly introduce **mild distractions** (toys, other people walking nearby).
- **Reward your dog for ignoring distractions** and staying engaged with you.
- If they get distracted, **redirect attention using “Watch me” cue** before rewarding.
- Increase difficulty by training near **parks, busy sidewalks, or trails**.








5 Simulate Real-World Scenarios

Even well-trained dogs might chase after squirrels or run toward other dogs if they lack impulse control.

- **Train in different locations** – Vary environments to improve and test off-leash behaviour.
- Add controlled surprises, Have a friend **jog past, toss a ball nearby, or make sudden noises**.
- Practice mid-walk check-ins – **Every 5 minutes, call your dog’s name** and reward when they look at you or approach you.

6 Improve Impulse Control for Off-Leash Reliability

Drills to Improve Your Dog's Off-Leash Self-Control

 Training Drill	 Instructions	 Purpose
 Stay & Release Drill	Have your dog sit and stay while you walk away. Increase duration and distance before releasing them.	Reinforces patience and waiting for permission.
 Directional Changes Drill	Walk randomly in different directions and encourage your dog to follow. Reward for staying close and checking in with you.	Helps improve focus and responsiveness.
 Find It Game (<i>Great for Recall Reinforcement</i>)	Toss a treat or toy nearby and say “Find it!”	Redirects attention away from distractions and toward you.
 Emergency Recall Drill	Call your dog in a sudden, high-energy way—then reward with an extra-special treat.	Builds a reflex response for emergency situations.

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Final Step: Testing & Evaluating Off-Leash Readiness

- ◆ Before fully going off-leash, your dog should:
 - ✓ Respond **immediately** to recall in 90% of situations.
 - ✓ Stay close **without wandering more than 10-15 feet**.
 - ✓ Ignore major distractions (people, dogs, wildlife) **at least 80% of the time**.



A DOG THAT ENJOYS SAFE OFF-LEASH TIME IS ONE THAT HAS PROVEN THEIR RELIABILITY ON-LEASH FIRST.

By dedicating time to off-leash training, you're giving your dog the **ultimate freedom while ensuring their safety**. The key to success is **consistency, gradual exposure, and real-world proofing**.

Key Takeaways:

- ✓ Recall **must be rock-solid** before testing in busy areas.
- ✓ **Regularly practice** check-ins and focus drills to **maintain engagement**.
- ✓ **Safety first!** Always test off-leash skills in enclosed or low-risk areas first.

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📌 Test Your Dog's Readiness 🐕

✅ Training Test	📄 Instructions	🎯 Purpose
🚶 Walk with Long-Line Dragging	Walk your dog while allowing the long-line to drag on the ground. Only hold it if necessary.	Tests your dog's ability to stay engaged and responsive without constant control.
🕒 15-Minute Engagement Test	Observe if your dog stays engaged and responsive for 15 minutes straight .	If they pass, they're ready for short, supervised off-leash sessions in safe areas .

Bonus: Additional Off-Leash Drills & Troubleshooting

These bonus games and troubleshooting tips are designed to **reinforce focus, responsiveness, and impulse control**, which are essential for safe off-leash behaviour.

🎯 Training Games & Troubleshooting Guide 🐾

✅ Training Game / Common Issue	📄 Instructions / Fix	🎯 Purpose
🐾 Proximity Reward Game	Let your dog roam a bit, then randomly reward them only when they choose to stay close on their own.	Encourages voluntary proximity and reinforces staying close without commands.
🚦 The "Red Light, Green Light" Game	Start walking and let your dog roam. Suddenly stop and call them back—reward immediate responses.	Builds automatic check-ins and strengthens recall responsiveness.
🐾 Dog ignores recall?	Increase reward value & reduce distractions.	Improves recall consistency by making it more rewarding.
🐾 Dog bolts when unleashed?	Back to long-line training for more control.	Ensures better safety and controlled training.
🐾 Dog only listens in certain locations?	Train in more varied environments.	Helps generalize training to different settings.

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PHASE 4: GRADUATION & ADVANCED WALKING TECHNIQUES (WEEK 4)

Focus of phase 4: This final phase will solidify **everything your dog has learned** and introduce some advanced techniques to ensure long-term success. By the end of this stage, you and your dog should be ready for their Graduation Walk!!!—an off-leash test of everything you have mastered together.

By now, your dog should:

- ✓ Respond to recall **reliably, even around distractions**
- ✓ Maintain impulse control when walking past **people, dogs, and sudden distractions**
- ✓ Walk on a loose leash **consistently** without pulling
- ✓ Show engagement and check in with you **naturally**

Day 27-28: Handling High-Level Distractions – Proofing for Real-World Walking

Why It's Important: Now that your dog **understands loose leash walking and engagement**, we need to proof their behaviour against **intense real-world distractions**. Many dogs regress when introduced to **loud noises, fast-moving objects, or tempting distractions**. This lesson builds emotional stability and real focus under pressure.

♦ Step-by-Step Training Plan

Identify Your Dog's Biggest Distractions

Before we begin, determine what your dog finds the hardest to ignore: List item #1 List item #2 List item #3

- Other dogs? 🐶👁️🐶
- People jogging or biking? 🚴🚶
- Birds, cats, or wildlife? 🐦🐱🐕
- Loud noises like cars, sirens, or skateboards? 🚗🚑🛹

Once you identify these, **use controlled training sessions to desensitize and train for focus.**

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The Distance Method: Building Controlled Exposure

1 Start at a Comfortable Distance

- Choose an environment where the distraction is present **but not overwhelming** (e.g., a dog at 30 feet away).
- If your dog **stays calm and engaged**, acknowledge & reward.
- If they pull or lunge, increase distance **until they can focus again**.

2 Gradually Decrease Distance Over multiple training sessions

- Move 5 feet closer each time while **ensuring your dog maintains calm focus each time**.
- If your dog reacts by pulling or lunging, move back 5 feet and try again.
- **Only reward calm behaviour** when presented with a controlled distraction.

3 Utilize the "Look at That" (LAT) Technique

- Utilize the **LAT Technique** as discussed in **Day 15-16: Handling Other Dogs & People – Teaching Correct Social Walking Behaviour**. This will encourage your dog to **check in with you after noticing the distraction**, changing their emotional triggers from chaotic behaviour to calm focus.
- Say **"Look at that!"** when your dog sees the distraction.



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The Walk & Ignore Drill (Advanced Impulse Control)

This teaches your dog to walk past distractions calmly without stopping or reacting.

- Walk toward a **mild distraction** (like a parked bicycle or dog behind a fence).
- Cue "Let's Go" **BEFORE** your dog reacts.
- If they ignore the distraction, acknowledge & reward.
- If they pull or fixate, **turn 180 degrees and walk the opposite way.**

Day 29: The Off-Leash Walking Test – Can Your Dog Walk Without a Leash?

♦ **Why It's Important:** Even if you plan to keep your dog on a leash during walks, **teaching off-leash responsiveness significantly improves their on-leash behaviour.** It ensures that even if they ever slip out of their leash, they'll remain **engaged and under control.**

♦ Step-by-Step Training Plan

1 Start in a Safe, Enclosed Area

- Attach a long-line leash (15-30 feet) but let it drag behind them.
- Walk in different directions and reward your dog for staying close naturally.
- If they wander, call their name and reward them for returning.

2 Transition

- **Slowly** transition to a **Low-Distraction Park or Trail**
- Keep the long-line attached but practice loose leash walking **without holding it.**
- Test if your dog **naturally** stays close and checks in with you.

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3 Gradual Off-Leash Freedom Test

- Once your dog **consistently walks beside** you without pulling, unclip the leash for short periods.
- Walk as normal—if **your dog stays close**, acknowledge & reward.
- If they run ahead or ignore you, **reattach the leash and go back to long-line training**. This will teach them that the only way they get freedom from the leash, is to behave in a calm and focused manner while on walks with you.
- Ensure your dog is regularly checking in with you throughout the walk, this ensures **their focus and attention is anchored to you** throughout.



- ◆ *Pro Trainer Tip: If your dog wanders too far, use your Emergency Recall Cue (e.g., a whistle or special word) and reward generously when they return.*

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GRADUATION WALK: A CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS 🎓🐕



After 30 days of structured training sessions, your dog has transformed from a puller to a calm, engaged walking companion. They have learned to focus on you despite distractions, walk with a loose leash, and respond to cues reliably. Their ability to handle unexpected situations, resist urges to pull, and even walk off-leash with confidence, if that's something you desire. Today is a day to celebrate, it is a testament to the amazing level of consistency and effort you've put into this program, well done! By now, your dog should:

- 🎓 Walk politely on a loose leash, without lunging or pulling.
- 🎓 Check in with you frequently, staying engaged during walks.
- 🎓 Ignore distractions like passing dogs, bike riders, and wildlife.

- 🎓 Respond instantly to recall and verbal cues, even from a distance.
- 🎓 Walk off-leash in safe environments, staying close and returning when called.

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This graduation walk is not just a test—it's a **celebration** of how far you and your dog have come. It's a moment to appreciate the **bond, trust, and teamwork** you've built together. Walking should no longer feel like a chore—it should be an **enjoyable, stress-free experience** that you both enjoy and look forward to every day.

NEXT STEPS: MAINTAINING TRAINING & PREVENTING REGRESSION

Even though your dog has successfully completed the program, **consistent reinforcement** is essential to keep their training strong. Without ongoing practice, dogs can slowly **revert to old habits**—so it's important to **integrate training into your daily routine**.

1 Keep Training Sessions Short & Fun 🕒 ⌚ ⏳

- ✓ Continue brief 5-10 minute training drills during walks to keep skills sharp.
- ✓ Practice recall games, leash resets, and controlled distractions regularly.
- ✓ Use real-world training by reinforcing cues during everyday activities.

2 Maintain a Leadership Mindset 👑 🐕 ❤️

- ✓ Stay consistent with leash expectations—if pulling starts again, reset and reinforce the rules.
- ✓ Always use a calm, confident demeanour when handling distractions or high-energy moments.

3 Increase Challenges Gradually 🎯 🎯 🎯

- ✓ Introduce new environments (busy parks, city streets) to proof behaviours.
- ✓ Add longer duration walks to continue improving endurance and engagement.

4 Reward & Praise Good Behaviour 🏆 🎉 🎁

- ✓ Transition from treats to verbal praise and real-life rewards (exploring, sniffing, play).
- ✓ Celebrate small victories—if your dog maintains a loose leash around distractions, acknowledge their success.

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5 Schedule Refresher Training if Needed 📅✍️

- ✓ If your dog starts regressing, go back to earlier lessons and reinforce foundations.
- ✓ Join group training classes or off-leash playgroups to keep their social skills polished.
- ✓ Practice off-leash walks regularly in safe environments to maintain recall strength.

FINAL THOUGHTS



Final Thoughts: A Lifetime of Enjoyable Walks Training isn't just about obedience—it's about strengthening the bond between you and your dog. With continued reinforcement, patience, and consistency, you'll enjoy years of stress-free, fulfilling walks together. Congratulations on completing the 30-Day No-Pull Training Program! 🎉 Keep practicing, keep reinforcing, and most importantly—enjoy the journey with your well-trained, happy dog! 🐕❤️

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"Every walk is a chance to reinforce good habits—stay consistent, stay engaged, and enjoy the journey with your well-trained dog!"