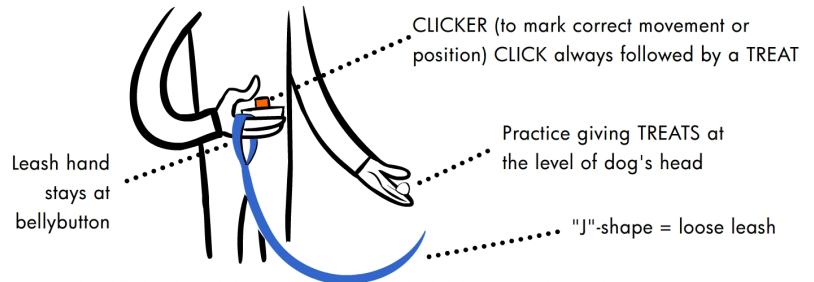


TEACHING YOUR DOG TO WALK POLITELY ON LEASH

PART ONE: Start in a small, boring space. Go at your dog's pace.

The most important step in teaching your dog to walk politely on leash is showing your dog where you want him to be while he is on leash.

To make things easier for your dog, start practicing in a small, boring space. This improves the odds that your dog will stay close to you.



PRACTICE WITH NO DOG

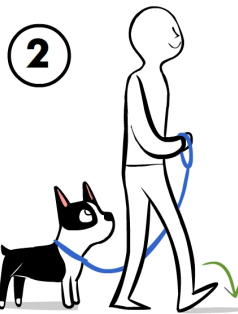
Practice clicking and feeding a treat at your pant seam, at the level of your dog's head.

PRACTICE WITH DOG

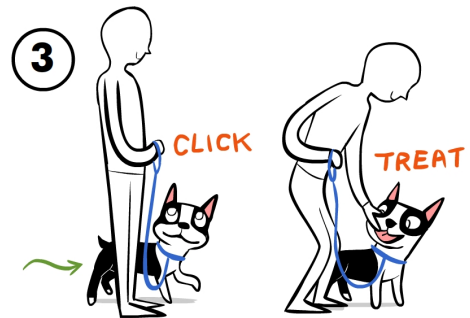
Practice holding the leash at your bellybutton as you click and feed.



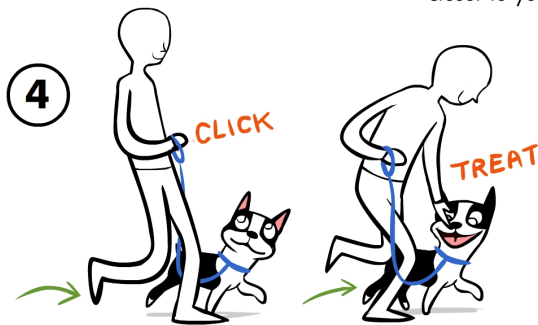
Click and treat rapidly a few times in the correct position.



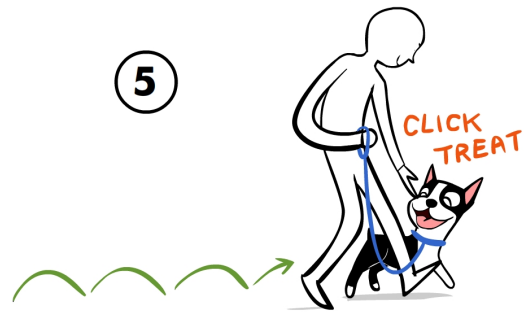
Move slightly out of heel position and wait for your dog to move closer to you.



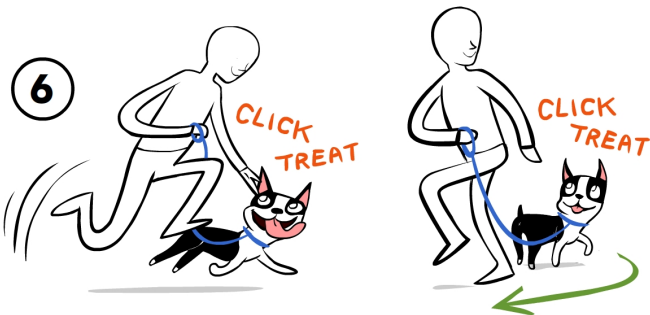
As soon as your dog moves even the tiniest step closer to you, click and feed at the "ideal" head position.



Repeat until your dog moves into heel position every time you move out of it.



Gradually take more and more steps between clicks and treats. If your dog gets confused, go back to just one step and then increase the number of steps more slowly to help him understand.



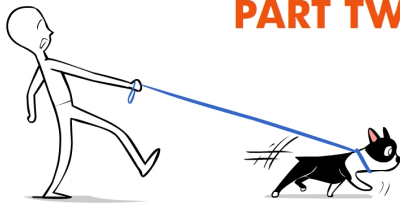
Then start changing direction and speed.



Next, move to a larger or more interesting space, and start over from STEP 1. When your dog can handle STEP 6 in the new space, move to another new space, starting over from STEP 1 again.

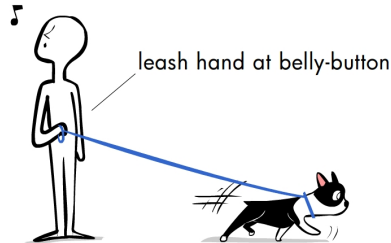
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PART TWO: Help! My Dog Is Pulling!

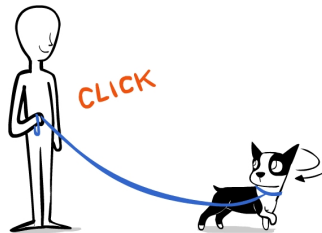


If pulling on the leash gets your dog where he wants to go, he'll keep pulling. To avoid teaching your dog that pulling is a good strategy, use one of the techniques described below.

TECHNIQUE 1: "I AM A ROCK"



When your dog pulls, stop in your tracks. Wait. As you wait, pretend you have no dog.



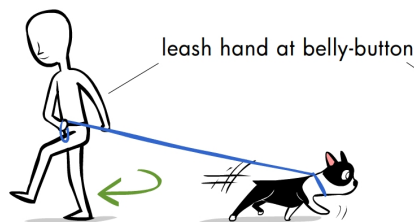
When your dog backs up or turns to you, click and feed a treat at your pant seam.



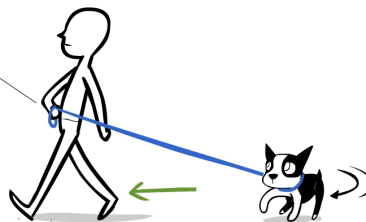
Then move forward again.



TECHNIQUE 2: "BACK & FORTH"



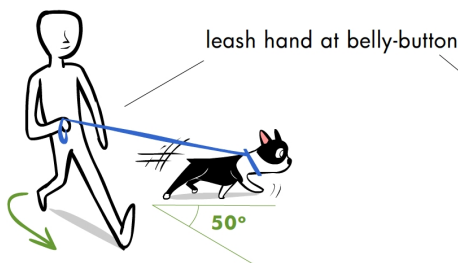
When your dog pulls, turn around and walk purposefully in the opposite direction. When your dog catches up to heel position...



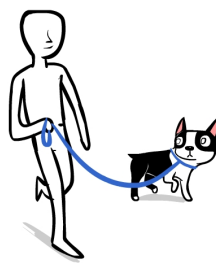
Click and treat. Then turn around and continue in your original direction.



TECHNIQUE 3: "OFF AT AN ANGLE"



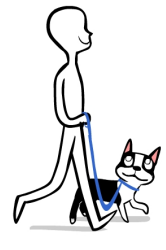
This is a great technique for dogs who are very strong. When your dog pulls, simply move away at a random angle that isn't 180 degrees.



Wait for your dog to catch up to heel position.



Click and treat. Then turn around and continue in your original direction again.



If your dog keeps pulling, the environment is probably too exciting. Go back to teaching your dog polite leash walking in a less exciting place. Then build up gradually to walking on leash in the exciting environment again.

Remember to go back to PART ONE every time you practice in a new place.