

Using the collar & leash to properly walk a new puppy

Feng Shui with Fido™ Philosophy: Getting your new puppy to walk on a leash can be daunting. Many new pups are reluctant to walk at first. This process may take a little time. Doing this slowly begins the training process. Don't forget to put an ID tag (including your address and phone number) on the collar of your new puppy. The collar may cause your puppy to scratch his neck as if he has fleas! Like any new piece of jewelry, this is a temporary reaction to a new feeling of wearing a collar. While teaching your pup to walk with you on the leash, it's good to remember that dogs are pack animals and they love playing follow the leader. Only, you need to be the leader and make the process fun! Take baby steps and be patient. An additional use of the leash is learning how to reprimand your puppy for doing something wrong. Learn the right way to show him how to please you!

get:

1. A squeaky toy
2. A collar
3. A leash



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use: Getting your pup to walk on a leash with this method gets a young puppy used to following you. This process of using a leash creates eye contact from your dog to you. It also develops trust and forms communication between you and your dog.

how: Use a squeaky toy and a happy voice to guide your puppy to walk along side you or in your direction. If he decides to fight with your direction, use a happy high-pitched voice saying, "let's go."

1. Use lots of praise. Walk in his direction and then as you turn use the squeak toy and praise to get his attention to turn along with you.
2. Squeaking the toy as you walk is very helpful. Using treats can help but they can also be an additional distraction, causing your puppy to jump up on you. Try walking your pup on a leash without luring him first.
3. Do this for short increments of time.

where: Put the collar and leash on your puppy and walk around your house, not outdoors. Walking your puppy outside should take place when he has all of his puppy inoculations. Ask your vet when it's safe to walk your new puppy on the street. Getting your dog used to wearing a collar and walking on a leash indoors around your living room and



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kitchen is the best way to introduce the walking on a leash concept. This helps your new puppy get used to the collar and leash without other scary distractions like cars and other noises.

when: Use the collar and leash to get your pup in and out of the gated or corralled space. Use the leash to guide him outside to go potty from other areas of the house.

Putting the leash on: Always use your body language and reverse psychology, a happy voice and praise to get your dog to come to you, even if you are mad. Crouch down, clap your hands and your puppy will come running. Then put the leash on. Never chase your puppy to put the leash on.

Using the leash to reprimand your puppy properly for chewing the wrong thing or going potty in the house. The leash is a tool for you to communicate with your dog. When a puppy does something wrong he's not doing it on purpose.

1. Silently walk up to your puppy and gently put on the leash.
2. Or get your puppy to come to you by using reverse psychology. Use a happy voice, even if you are mad. Remember, you are teaching your puppy what he has done wrong. This is a process he will learn overtime by you being consistent.



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3. Put the leash on and guide him over to the mistake.
4. Dogs associate through their sense of smell. Show him his mistake and say "No!" either to something he has chewed or a potty mistake.
5. Then guide on the leash to what he can or should chew (like a chew bone) or where he should go to the bathroom.
6. Then say "OK" in a happy voice. The word OK indicates the reprimand is over.
7. Then take off the leash and it's party time!

why: If you merely yell "no" at him from a distance, he may know you're upset and react by running away! Guiding him on a leash shows him what you are upset about and you can isolate the mistake by guiding him to smell it and showing him where and how he can please you. A reprimand should always end on a positive note.

Note: reprimanding your puppy properly should begin no earlier than when your puppy is approximately 3 ½ or 4 months old. Before that age, a puppy should be allowed to be a baby puppy. Putting your puppy on a leash should begin also at around 3 ½ months old or roughly 14 weeks old.

