



LEGENDS
DOG TRAINING

Training Plan

Multi-Dog Households

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Multi-Dog Set Ups

Creating this setup will help your dogs to model after one and other's calm, positive behavior. Watch this video to see how the second dog is back tied and how far they are spaced from one and other: <https://vimeo.com/473581560/23df6b684e>

01. Training Tools

- ☐ Harnesses (for both dogs) ☐ Leashes (for both dogs) ☐ 1 Training mat ☐ 1 Blanket

02. Leash

Loop one leash to a heavy piece of furniture.

- ☐ Furniture should be difficult to move, and impossible to tip over (like the couch)

03. Blanket

Lay out a large blanket for the dog "on the sideline."

- ☐ Push the blanket together so there are folds/ crevices in the blanket (you will toss food in these crevices)
- ☐ Assume the dog on the side line will want to pull out in your direction, place the blanket in the location where your dog will most likely want to be (see placement in video)
- ☐ The leash should limit their ability to crowd the training mat, but still allow them to be close enough that you can easily reinforce calm behavior

04. Reinforcement Rate

Start this training off by giving the dog on the sideline 1 treat for every 2 - 3 treats that you give to the dog that is on the training mat.

05. Throw the Food to the Blanket

Deliver the food into the crevices of the blanket. Tossing the food onto the blanket will help the dog orient towards the blanket, instead of straining to get closer to you or whoever is training. If your dog barks or cries, pause for 3-4 seconds before delivering food.

06 Boundaries

When the dog receiving center stage training comes off their training mat it will be important to hold the leash (ie. for the break), and prevent them from walking over to the blanket to look for missed pieces of food. They should be learning to give the other dog space.

07. Switch

Do 4 sets of training with one dog, and then switch. The dog that was center stage will now be placed on the sideline, and the other dog will have the opportunity to receive your full and undivided attention in training. Each dog should have their time in the spotlight!