



TRAINING A COOL, CALM COOKIE PUPPY

Walk – Sit – Treat - Repeat

Training and socialisation will avoid your puppy becoming a highly charged dog that reacts to many things by barking, pulling on lead, feeling fear or showing aggression.

Aim

The aim is that your dog learns to follow you round a range of objects, animals and people. The dog shows interest and investigates calmly and confidently. Your dog comes away when called. Your dog should be able to do this on and off lead indoors and outdoors.



Main learning points:

Your dog will react to YOU and will take cues from your reactions

Your dog will react more on a lead – if he feels restricted by you or the lead is tight

Your aim is to keep a loose lead at all times

Let your dog dictate the pace

Many dogs are far less reactive OFF lead because they have control of the situation, however we often need to have our dog on a lead, so we will practice with both.

TOP TIP: ONLY Reward your dog when he is not reacting AFTER he has investigated each new object and has then performed SIT and is making eye contact with you.



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1. Practice this routine 20 times with puppy on lead and then 20 times off lead.

*** 5 paces * Sit * Treat * Repeat**

Then progress to working with a range of objects, allow your dog to dictate the pace, make a little circuit and go round several times until your dog automatically sits and looks at you each time you approach a new object.

