

Leash Training Checklist

How to Use This Checklist:

This checklist is a companion to the full training guide. Use it during your leash training sessions to ensure you're covering the key steps. Check off each item as you complete it to track your progress. For in-depth explanations and additional techniques, refer back to the "Ultimate Guide" on Fuzzy-Petz.com

Preparation

- **Choose the right leash:** Pick a standard 6-foot leash (avoid retractable leashes during training).
 - **Select a suitable collar or harness:** Opt for a front-clip harness, ideal for dogs that pull.
 - **Prepare high-value treats:** Have small, tasty treats ready (e.g., bits of chicken or cheese).
 - **Find a quiet training area:** Start in a low-distraction spot, like your backyard or a calm street.
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Training Techniques

Stop-and-Go Method

- Start walking with your dog on the leash.
- Stop immediately when your dog pulls.
- Wait for the leash to go slack (dog steps back or looks at you).
- Praise with "Good!" and resume walking.
- Repeat consistently every time your dog pulls.

Turn-Around Method

- Begin walking as usual.
- When your dog pulls, say "Let's go!" and turn 180 degrees.
- Reward with praise or a treat when your dog catches up.
- Continue turning whenever pulling occurs.

Using Treats and Rewards

- Hold a treat near your side where you want your dog to walk.
- Start walking, saying "Yes!" or "Good!" and giving the treat when they stay close without pulling.
- Gradually increase the time between treats as they improve.
- Transition to verbal praise or occasional rewards over time.

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Troubleshooting

- **Distractions:** If your dog loses focus, use treats to redirect attention or move away from the trigger.
 - **Strong or large dogs:** Equip them with a sturdy front-clip harness or head collar for better control.
 - **Inconsistency:** Ensure all family members or walkers follow the same training rules.
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Reminders

- Be patient—some dogs learn faster than others.
 - Keep sessions short (10-15 minutes) and positive.
 - Practice daily for consistent progress.
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Advanced Tips

- Once your dog walks nicely on a leash, try teaching the "heel" command for precise control. Check the full guide for details.
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Notes

Jot down observations, challenges, or successes during training:

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