



Puppy Walks & Walks To Nowhere Away From Home

Introduction

When your puppy can walk 10 steps with you in different areas outside of your house, such as your driveway, yard, and the sidewalk right outside your home, without getting distracted, you can start working on some leash skills in new places. During this phase, you should aim for relatively low distraction environments.

By this point, your puppy will most likely have had all their vaccinations and have received their cape, so the new places could be other outside locations such as a local park, or indoor locations such as a shopping mall or a home improvement store at quiet times.

Remember though, each time you move to a new environment, your puppy will likely be more distracted, so be patient with them, don't ask too much of them right away, and it is not a problem to back a few stages if you need to! Outdoor spaces are generally more distracting than indoor spaces.

- ☐ Stage 1- Work up to your puppy being able to walk 10 steps with you in one new indoor place away from your home.
- ☐ Stage 2 - Work up to puppy being able to walk 10 steps with you in one new outdoor place away from your home.
- ☐ Stage 3- Once you and your puppy can confidently walk 10 steps without getting distracted in a couple of new environments, you can start building up the distance.
- ☐ Stage 4 - To start building distance, maybe go back to your driveway or the more familiar area around your home and start with 15 steps, then 20, and so on. Once counting steps becomes impractical, you can use a time duration instead, so work up to your puppy being able to walk with you for 30 seconds, 1 minute, 2 minutes etc without getting distracted. Once you are successful in familiar environments, you can start working on encouraging check-ins.

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