



Drunk Dog Walking

We're not suggesting you're drunk in charge of your dog but we are going to get you walking like you are. This game is a fun way to teach the dog to keep their lead loose!

How to Play:

1. Have your treats in your pocket or a treat pouch on your dominant side (not your hands!). Hold your lead against your belly button in your non-dominant hand.
2. Take four steps backwards. As soon as the lead is loose mark and reward your dog.
3. Repeat until your dog won't stop following you!
4. Now start walking all over the place, but don't take more than four steps in any direction. Diagonal, backwards, forwards, left, right walk everywhere!
5. Any time the lead is loose mark and reward.
6. When they're super focused on you start taking a few steps in a straight line, continuing to mark and reward when the lead is loose.
7. If you think they're about to get ahead of you, change direction.

8. If they stop following you, keep changing direction until you have their focus again.

The tricky bit!

9. When your dog is walking with you, take a few steps backwards and then turn so that your dog ends up on your dominant side. Mark and reward in position.
10. Gradually start taking more steps in a straight line so you look a little bit less drunk. Reward them for walking with you and keeping that lead loose.
11. If they move ahead of you, go back to walking like you've had one too many again until they're back to focussing on you.

Watch your dog closely, they'll have a little tell they they're about to go towards the end of the lead, if you spot this, change direction **before** they get a chance to hit the end of that lead.