

General Outing Tips

A few tips to make your outings enjoyable with your pup...



RELAX. Stress travels down the leash. Arrive early to settle YOUR nerves!

This is a learning experience for your pup (and you), so don't expect perfection. Remember, that is why we take our pups out-- to teach them! RELAX and have FUN! We learn from our mistakes, right?

Park your pup before going in to any buildings and don't forget to clean up after your pup. Please do not leave any "bags" inside indoor trash cans. YUCK! Find an outside trash can or leave by your car to take home w/you.

Pup dragging you? STOP and SIT. (Remember to relax.... you are teaching!) PRAISE. Get the pup's focus on you. They are excited to be going out too!!!

Pup barks? Verbal "Quiet". Doesn't work? TURN pup around, STOP and SIT. Do simple obedience (rest/down, etc) to get the focus back on you. Then turn back around. (Again....relax!) PRAISE.

When you enter a building please do not stop and chat by the front doors blocking others from coming in.

Talking w/friends and/or standing in line – Where is your pup? Pup is sitting or down by your side and out of the way. Protect that tail and know where their mouth is. There might be goodies on the floor! If your pup won't settle, stop chatting and focus on your pup. Remember that is the #1 reason you are there – to teach!

Petting? – Yes, but all four on the floor.

Leash? – SHORT , RELAXED and pup on your left at all times.

Greeting other pups? – Yes, but NO play on leash and please remember to ask the other raiser first. They may not want their pup to greet at that time. The pups are there to learn to behave in public. Quick friendly, calm greeting on short RELAXED leash, then have them sit on your left while you chat.

In public buildings – Pup must not block the walkways. Keep them at your feet in a down. Tuck in that tail and nose.

Do not let them sniff/play w/pup next to you. Quietly pull them apart. Be consistent. Remember they are LEARNING to behave....relax, be patient and teach.

Watch for "alert ears". Be proactive if your pup focuses in on something, give a verbal "quiet" and praise BEFORE the "woof" comes out.

Please leave puppy toys and treats at home. Pups can have lots of loving, praise and pets instead!

