

Home Obstacle Course

Looking for something to do with your small pup? Rainy day and can't get out with your older pup? Here is a game for you!

Plan a walking route in and around your home to practice good manners.

The Rules:



Set up stations and if your pup is unsuccessful at one of the stations, you must go back one station and then continue with the course. Puppy can't drag you through the course. Use stops and sit frequently! Gauge your success on the amount of improvement you make with your pup from week to week.

Here are some exercises you might want to try:

Get the leash and go to the door. Pup jumping around all excited? Pup must remain sitting at the door while you attach the leash.

Go to closet. Pup must sit and rest while you put your coat on. Now back to the front door.

Open the front door. Pup must sit and rest. Step out, then invite pup out and have pup sit and rest while you shut the door. Now back inside and to the closet to put your coat away with another sit and rest.

The Kitchen: Walk to refrigerator. Have pup "stay back" while you open and get a snack.

Kitchen table: While you have your snack, have pup in a down by your left side.

Dishwasher: Time to put the snack dish away. Have your pup "stay back" while you open and close the dishwasher.

Trashcan: Ask the pup to sit and rest while you throw away your napkin.

The phone rings: Walk to phone, have pup down (maybe give him a "phone toy") and pretend to talk on the phone. Hang up, put toy away. You can also do this with computer time, using a "computer toy" for that special down time next to you.



The Crate: Walk over to crate, using "Go to your place". Once inside, remove collar and shut door. Walk in other room and come back. Pup must remain quiet. Ask pup to sit and rest, open door and put collar on. If he bolts, shut the door and ask him again to wait.

Exercise finished! Note the time it took and give your pup lots and lots of loving. Keep track of your pup's Personal Best.

Have fun, be creative and PRAISE, PRAISE, PRAISE!