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Walking to Heel

Once your dog has learnt the "heel" command you can go on to teach him to walk to heel.

- Bring your dog into the heel position (see teaching the "Heel command).
- As your dog arrives beside your leg set off walking, encouraging him with the "heel" command.
- After a few paces reward him with the tit-bit.
- Gradually extend the period you can walk between rewards, until your dog will walk for praise and encouragement only.

Remember

Try and keep the lead loose, it can be short but never tight.

Once you set off walking use your left hand to pat your leg and encourage your dog to be interested in you.

Talk to your dog in a happy voice -really get his tail wagging!

Avoid having the treat on the dog's nose as you walk; keep it enclosed high in your right hand until you reward.

Walk briskly and change direction frequently to begin with.

If at any point your dog begins to pull, stop immediately and bring him back into the "heel" position.

Be patient!

N.B. if you want to walk your dog on your right-hand side, simply follow the above in the opposite sequence.