

Living With Dogs

Positive Training Fetches Positive Results!

Is my dog ready for Family Dog 2?

For truest results test your dog in 3 places:

- 1) at home
- 2) out in a mildly distracting situation
- 3) in a dog training class

- ☐ My dog understands the word "Yes!" as a marker sound for good behavior.
- ☐ My dog will touch my hand with his or her nose on cue in a mildly distracting situation.
- ☐ My dog will turn and pay attention to me when I call his or her name the first time.
- ☐ My dog can give me eye contact when I am still.
- ☐ My dog understands a release cue such as "break", "free", "OK" or "all done".
- ☐ My dog will sit on my first request and will wait for a release cue before moving.
- ☐ My dog will lie down on my first request and will wait for a release cue before moving.
- ☐ My dog can hold a 15 second sit stay with reinforcement and few distractions.
- ☐ My dog can walk next to me on a leash without pulling for 30 feet, turn and come back.
- ☐ My dog will leave food alone when held in an open hand in front of him or her.
- ☐ My dog can come 4 out of 5 times from 20 feet on a long line, using toys or treats reward.
- ☐ My dog is quiet in class, barking only on rare occasions, if at all.

If you can say yes to 8 of these statements, then proceed to Family Dog 2.

If you answer no to 6 or more of these statements, proceed to Family Dog 1.

If you have questions about the criteria for these questions please talk to your instructor. We will be happy to help you.