

Living With Dogs

Positive Training Fetches Positive Results!

Is my dog ready for Family Dog 3?

Ideally you would test your dog in 3 places:

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

- ☐ My dog will turn and pay attention to me when I call his or her name the first time with dogs and people walking nearby.
- ☐ My dog can give me eye contact when I am moving.
- ☐ My dog can hold a 1 minute sit stay with reinforcement and people and dogs are walking by 30 feet away or toys are placed on the ground around him.
- ☐ My dog will sit to greet familiar and new dogs and people with treats, a toy or rewards .
- ☐ My dog will sit for passers-by who are passing 6 feet away.
- ☐ My dog can walk next to me on a leash without pulling for 60 feet, turn and come back. 60 feet.
- ☐ My dog will sit at doors as I go through first and come to my side when I give him the release word.
- ☐ My dog will leave food alone when placed on the floor in front of him or her.
- ☐ My dog can come 4 out of 5 times from 30 feet, while other dogs are walking or running nearby if I have him on a long line and/or have treats, a toy or other appropriate reward.
- ☐ My dog is quiet in class, barking only on rare occasions, if at all.
- ☐ My dog is comfortable with new dogs and people.

If you can say yes to 8 or more of these statements, then proceed to Family Dog 3 otherwise proceed to Family Dog 2.

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