

Living With Dogs

Positive Training Fetches Positive Results!

Is my dog ready for Family Dog 4?

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 other dogs and people walking or running nearby. (ok to use rewards)
- ☐ My dog can give me eye contact for at least 10 seconds and will check in when I am moving.
- ☐ My dog can hold a 1 minute sit stay and a 2 minute down stay people and dogs are walking by 15 feet away or toys or food are placed on the ground around him (use of rewards is okay)
- ☐ My dog will do a down and a sit for me when I am 6 feet away.
- ☐ My dog will sit for passers-by who are passing 4 feet away.
- ☐ My dog can walk next to me on a leash without pulling when there are other dogs and people walking nearby.
- ☐ My dog will leave food alone when walking by a bowl of food or food on the ground. I do not have to pull my dog away from the object with his leash, and I do not have to step into my dog with a body block.
- ☐ My dog can come 4 out of 5 times from 40 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 7 or more of these statements, then proceed to Family Dog 4 otherwise proceed to Family Dog 3.

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