POWER POOCHES

LEAVE IT / LEAVE

AN ESSENTIAL SKILL FOR EVERY DOG!



"WAIT" is teaching your dog patience and that they need to wait a certain amount of time to proceed with the next cue or to do that thing.

"LEAVE IT" means you don't get it, you don't eat it, you don't touch it, you don't go up to it.

"LEAVE IT" means just that – LEAVE IT!

The "Leave it" cue can relate to anything, such as: food, bones, people, dogs, tissues, cats, cars, bikes, anything.

THE PROCESS

1. Start with training sessions on the mat and in a place with no distractions.
2. Have your lures, that are different items to your rewards.
3. Use items your dog may be tempted to take (food, treats, bones, socks, toys, tissues, whatever it is). Mix the lures up during different "Leave it" sessions.
4. Ask your dog "On the mat"
5. Place down the lure far enough away that they don't run for it
6. Wait for your dog to look at lure
7. Say "Leave it" (Tone matters here – make it with some authority)
8. Use hand signal of closed fist
9. If your dog looks away from the lure
10. Mark with a "Yes"
11. Then give a reward. Repeat!

IMPORTANT TIPS

If your dog is struggling to stay away from the lure, attach leash and have a helper hold them. Do not pull them away from the lure, just hold the leash far enough away so they can't move to it.

If this goes well, repeat multiple times, then start moving the lure closer to your dog. Then add more lures.

When the cue is strong without distractions, train in the backyard, front yard and other places, adding distractions.

Train both on leash and off leash.



PLEASE SEARCH FOR THESE VIDEOS IN THE POWER POOCHES YOUTUBE LIBRARY

1. Leave It Training for beginners (0201)
2. Teach your Dog to Leave It and Walk Away (0158)
3. Teach your Dog to Leave Multiple Things at Once (0136)
4. Can your Dog Leave Multiple things Alone while Walking past (0041)
5. Stop your dog chasing things with Leave it (Short)