

Trail Walking

Goals:

1. To walk off-leash on the trail and next to the owner when people approach or there is stuff on the ground you don't want her to eat.
2. To come when called when off-leash.

#	Description	On/Off Leash	Behavior	Cue (what owner says)	Looking for
1.	Teaching Zola "Watch" so she checks in with you.	On	Zola walking on trail without any distractions	Watch	Zola should turn and look you in the eye. This has been trained.
2.	Food or poop on ground that you don't want her to eat.	On	Zola sees something on ground to eat.	Watch	The second Zola spots something on the ground, say "Watch" and feed her as you walk past it.
3.	Person(s) approaches on trail.	On	Zola notices a person approaching	Watch	The second Zola notices person on the trail, say "watch" and feed her as you walk past them.
4.	Food or poop on ground that you don't want her to eat.	On	Zola sees something on the ground to eat and looks at owner.	Feed her as you walk past the food. Say "yes" when she looks at you.	Zola looks at owner when she sees food without having to say "Watch".
5.	Person(s) approaches on trail.	On	Zola notices a person approaching and looks at owner	Feed her as you walk past the person. Say yes when she looks at you.	Zola looks at owner when she sees person without having to say "Watch".
5.	Person(s) approaches on trail.	Off	Zola sees a person approaching and looks at owner	Call her to your side and say "touch" when she comes, and feed her as you walk past the person	Zola looks at owner when she sees person without having to say "Watch". She is looking at you when you call her and she comes to your side.
6.	Food or poop on Ground that you don't want her to eat.	Off	Zola sees something on ground to eat and looks at owner	Call her to your side and say "touch" when she comes, and feed her as you walk past the food.	Zola looks at owner when she sees food without having to say "Watch". She is looking at you when you call her and she comes to your side.

Reminders:

1. Off leash – start with successful time period (5 minutes?) and gradually increase time period.
2. You should only call her when she is looking at you and you are 100% sure she will come. If not, she isn't ready to be off leash. If you call her when she is running away and not looking at you, then you can't be sure she will come and she will be reinforced for ignoring you.
3. Watch her body language to see when she "notices" people or food on the ground and if she is fixating or just normal sniffing and checking stuff out. You need to be consistent and clear on what you want her to do and intervene before she gets reinforced for unwanted behavior. Go back a step if she needs more practice at an earlier behavior.
4. Since Zola is now clear on "watch", don't reward Zola unless you see a person approaching or there is food/poop on the ground.
5. **Never, ever** let anyone on the trail give her a treat. Sometimes I have to really make this clear to people for my dog as well.