



DOOR ROUTINE

How to prevent 'door dashing' or having your dog push through the door.

Exercise:

In this exercise you are not aiming to leave the house (building) before the dog. You are not using your leash to hold the dog back.

- Position yourself opposite to the opening side of the door so that the dog is closest to the opening
- Open the door just slightly (1-3 inches) while maintaining a relaxed leash
- If the dog attempts to push it's nose through the door close the door
*The dog's nose might get bopped with the door – this is okay, hopefully it will teach the dog not to force it's nose through
- The dog should back up (slightly) once the door has been closed
- Repeat opening and shutting until the dog PAUSES. The pause can be as little as 1-3 seconds.
- *Reward* the 'pause' with the door opening. Give your dog a *release word* such as FREE and exit the building. *A release word tells the dog they are 'free' go to out the door.*
*In the beginning the pause is short in order to reward the dog instantly.
Door opens, dog pauses, dog gets to leave kennel.
- As the dog improves, begin to raise the expectation. For example, Eventually a 1-3 second pause with the door slightly open improves to an expectation of a 10 second pause with the door wide open.

Support:

Our Behaviour Support Team can help to provide resources and tips if you experience concerns in the home environment. With your adoption the GTHS will provide an over the phone consultation in order to provide you with tips and resources to set your new dog up for success. In all cases of dog adoptions, the GTHS recommends hiring a professional dog training or behavioural consultant to ensure your relationship with your new dog starts off on the right paw! A list of local trainers is enclosed in your adoption package.

Our Behaviour Support Team can be reached at behaviour@gths.ca

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