

How to Teach Your Dog to Fix Their Leash

Tired of bending over to untangle your puppies from their leash every time you go for a walk? You can teach your dog to “Fix It” themselves with these steps!

“Fix It” means your dog must untangle the leash from their legs. This cue can be used when the dog has tangled their leg in the leash.

Step 1: Create an environment for success by ensuring your puppy is in a quiet space, with minimal distractions, on a leash, and that you have plenty of small yummy treats easily accessible.

If possible, have your puppy sitting on a raised object, such as a training box. If you do not have a training box, you can sit on the floor.

Step 2: Tell Flower to “Sit.” Be sure to C/T the sit.

Step 3: Place the leash behind your puppy’s front leg (only one leg!) down by the paw.



Step 4: Gently and steadily pull the leash with both hands, directly towards you (not up). When the leash slips from under her paw or Flower raises her leg to release the leash, C/T. Repeat until Flower independently raises her leg to release the leash.



Step 5: When Flower is reliably lifting her leg to release the leash, add the verbal cue “Fix it”. Next try the cue with you standing up next to Flower. Then gradually raise the leash higher on her leg. Last, have Flower stand and try to release the leash. When she can do the behavior when standing, try it while she is walking.