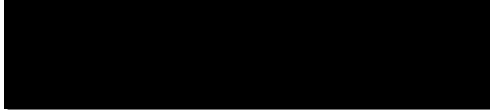


DOUGLAS G. BASSETT, O.C., KSt.J., O.Ont., LL.D., D.Litt



PHONE: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

October 26, 2020

Toronto Animal Services  
Enforcement and Mobile Response Unit  
146 The East Mall  
Toronto, ON M8Z 5V5

Attention: Court & Records Clerk

To whom it may concern:

*This letter is to appeal the dangerous dog order served on Oct 30, 2020.*

*Included is \$ 351.52 confirming the request for a tribunal -*

My wife Susan and I own Network who is a beautiful 5 year old German Shepherd. We have had her since she was a young pup. We are elderly; I myself just turned 80. We have had a few instances where I dropped Network's leash and then Network ran to another dog on the street and barked at them, hoping to play. There has never been any contact. We have no evidence that Network has ever bitten anyone. I take full responsibility for my inattentiveness during these instances. Our housekeeper also had a barking encounter with a neighbor dog but was never off leash and no contact was made.

Network is a good dog. She is well socialized and goes to dog parks and out with a professional dog walker on a daily basis. Network has never bitten anyone. Dog or person. She is a German Shepherd and people tend to have breed bias against her.

I am not taking Network off our property but if I do I will keep a muzzle on her. We have consulted with a trainer to get strategies to walk Network in the neighborhood for our housekeeper.

Our concern is Network's future. As we are elderly we may have to rehome Network at some point due to ongoing medical reasons. One candidate for rehoming is our dog walker Mrs. Jennifer Johnston and her family. But if Network has a dangerous dog order against her, she would not be able to take her and it will be hard to rehome with this kind of order against her.

Network is a good girl. We hope that when the time comes Network can have a clean slate as the lack of judgement was my own and not the dog's fault.

Please reconsider the Dangerous dog order as Network is only five years old and would love to play, fetch and run with other dogs at the park for years to come.

Kindest regards,



Douglas Bassett

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Tom Fraser  
Fraser Packology  
Dog Trainer  
ABC DT Certified Trainer

October 18, 2020

To whom it may concern,

I have consulted with Douglas Bassett and their dog Network. I have outlined the numerous ways to ensure safety when walking their dog on leash.

From the correct way to hold a leash and what to do if another dog approaches. Strategies such as crossing the street, using a muzzle, and how to clean up after the dog and still maintain control. I have included a graphic to remind everyone on the basics.

The graphic can be used with a clicker or just the word YES!  
I have observed the dog and Network is very obedient with the proper leash work and attention.

I have given Mr. Bassett the information and foundation to walk his dog safely in the neighborhood. I have also instructed the housekeeper Divina.  
Mrs. Bassett does not walk the dog.

If you require any more information I can be reached at 905-924-1515

Sincerely,

Tom Fraser  
Fraser Packology  
ABC DT Certified Trainer  
905-924-1515

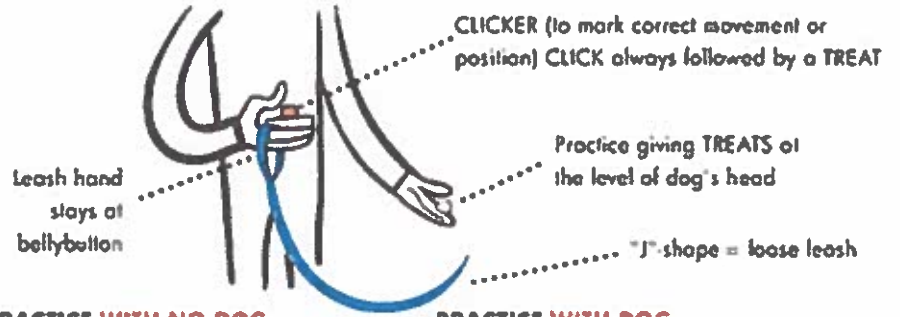


# TEACHING YOUR DOG TO WALK POLITELY ON LEASH

## PART ONE: Start in a small, boring space. Go at your dog's pace.

The most important step in teaching your dog to walk politely on leash is showing your dog where you want him to be while he is on leash.

To make things easier for your dog, start practicing in a small, boring space. This improves the odds that your dog will stay close to you.



### PRACTICE WITH NO DOG

Practice clicking and feeding a treat at your pant seam, at the level of your dog's head.

### PRACTICE WITH DOG

Practice holding the leash at your bellybutton as you click and feed.

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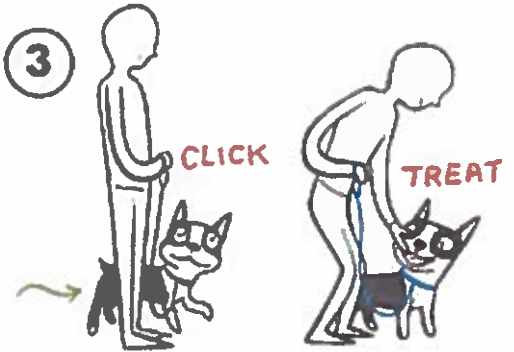
Click and treat rapidly a few times in the correct position.

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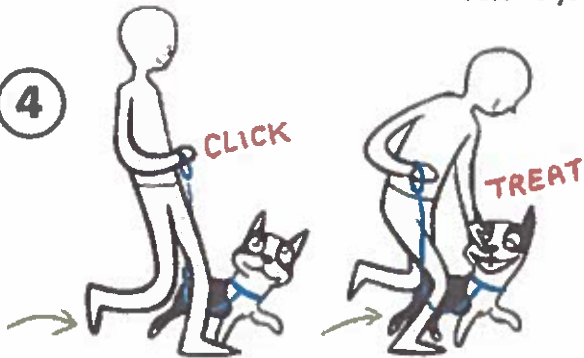
Move slightly out of heel position and wait for your dog to move closer to you.

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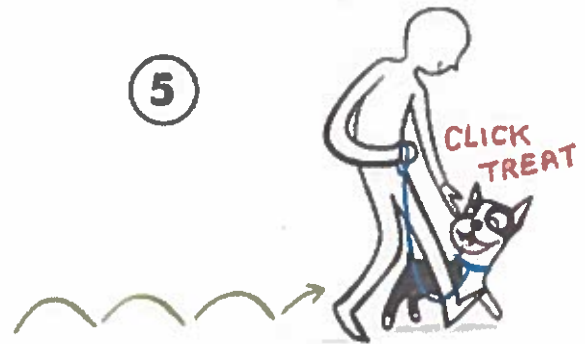
As soon as your dog moves even the tiniest step closer to you, click and feed at the "ideal" head position.

4



Repeat until your dog moves into heel position every time you move out of it.

5



Gradually take more and more steps between clicks and treats. If your dog gets confused, go back to just one step and then increase the number of steps more slowly to help him understand.

6



Then start changing direction and speed.

7



Next, move to a larger or more interesting space, and start over from STEP 1. When your dog can handle STEP 6 in the new space, move to a new space, starting from STEP 1 again.

