

Step one:

Stay still with your leash and clicker in the same hand

When the dog makes eye contact, click and treat touching your pant seam

What are you clicking for?

Eye contact

Why?

Because there is no point in starting moving if you don't have the dog's attention

Do this 5 times and repeat anytime you lose the dog's attention

Step two:

Say "Let's Go" and take one step.

AS the dog moves, click and treat at your pant seam

Your click will be JUST as the dog moves forward.

What are you clicking for?

The clip of the leash hanging down when the dog is moving (tactile cue for the dog--they can FEEL it)

Why?

Dog learns that the weight of the clip hanging down is a good thing

Do this over and over and over. You CANNOT reward too much for this.

Most of our dogs have learned that when the leash is on, we disconnect from them so they disconnect from us and do their own thing

This is teaching the dog that staying near us pays.

If you TRULY feel that the dog is doing great, go 2 steps.

If the dog goes to the end of the leash, you have made it too hard and need to go back to build more value for staying with you.

If the dog disconnects, you need to go back to step one (click for eye contact while you are standing still.....if you don't have this, you have nothing).

Teach the dog to walk on the collar....when you feel like you can't teach anymore or your dog is full or you just need to get through, put the dog on the management tool (gentle leader, front clip harness) and just go.