

STAND FOR GROOMING/EXAMINATION

Now that it looks like we may have a rainy season...

Let's teach our dog to stand for the veterinarian, groomer, or anyone who needs to dry them off after a rain storm.

Start with your dog on leash by your side, heel position (left side), if possible. Hold your leash in your right hand. Take an obvious step forward with your left foot, as you do this ask the dog to "Stand!" and bring your right foot up to your left. Drop your right hand in front of the dog's chest to impede forward motion and, if needed, tickle just a tiny bit in front of their thigh on the side next to you, to keep them from sitting. Stand up straight. Say "Good Stand!" and move backwards to release them. The backwards release is to teach them that "Stand" does not include forward motion.

If you want to use a treat to lure them into "Stand" just put the treat in front of their nose and pull it forward as you take the step forward yourself, treating when they stand fully. Most dogs who already have any kind of "heel" command usually learn this command well without the treat.

Like all your dog training, practice inside and out on the streets. My veterinarian loved that my dogs could stand for examination and he would let them stand on the floor, avoiding the dreaded table.

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Bring Rover Over

