

# SIT-STAY FOR LEASH BITING

**GOAL:** At the end of training, the dog will sit for a hand signal when there is a leash dangling in front of them in or out of a kennel, & will remain seated while being leashed.

*This plan is for dogs who bite and play tug with the leash. Often dogs will stop biting the leash on walks after completing this plan, without needing to complete a leash walking plan. However, if the dog you're working with continues to bite the leash on walks after finishing this training, you can add steps in which the dog walks nicely with the distractions listed below, rather than holding a sit.*

## NOT TO FORGET:

Complete the Basic Sit-Stay Plan before moving to this plan.

### HOW TO USE THIS PLAN:

- Repeat each step 5 times.
- If the dog breaks his sit-stay, re-seat him & try again.
- If the dog grabs the leash, drop it immediately.
- If working with shelter dogs, work plan outside of kennel up to step 11. Use food lures to leash the dog before he's trained to sit for leashing.
- If the dog is kenneled, exit the kennel & walk away for a few minutes if they grab the leash. If needed, trade for treats to retrieve the leash.

## GRADING RULES:

- If the dog gets it right 4 or 5 times out of 5, move to next step.
- If the dog gets it right 3 times out of 5, repeat the current step.
- If the dog gets it right 1 or 2 or times out of 5, drop to the previous step.
- "Getting it right" means the dog holds the sit throughout the duration of the distraction.
- Always reward the dog in a sit position. If he gets up when you're reaching for treats after a distraction, get him back into a sit before giving him the treat.

## THE PLAN:

Step	What the dog needs to do to get treats	# right
	Complete basic sit-stay plan	
1	Hold a sit while you hold a balled up leash out to your side for 1 second	
2	Hold a sit while you hold the leash with half its length dangling out to your side for 1 second	

## THE PLAN (cont):

Step	What the dog needs to do to get treats	# right
3	Hold a sit while you hold the full length of the leash dangling out to your side for 1 second	
4	Hold a sit while you swing the leash in front of the dog's face back & forth once	
5	Hold a sit while you swing the leash in front of the dog's face back & forth 3x	
6	Hold a sit while you swing the leash in a circle around the dog's head 1x	
7	Hold a sit while you swing the leash in a circle around the dog's head 3x	
8	Hold a sit while you put the leash loop over the dog's head (if using slip lead) or clip a leash on.	
<b><i>For the following steps, the distraction commences first, THEN cue a sit.</i></b>		
9	Bring out the leash, cue sit, dog must hold sit for leashing	
10	Repeat step 9 in kennel if dog is a shelter dog	
11	Same as above, but 1-off "real life" trials at least 15 min. apart, not in training sets (in kennel if the dog is a shelter dog)	
12	1-off "real life" trials in problem location (walking from kennel if shelter dog)	

