

## « WALK »

« WALK » is the last in a series of tricks that add up to a complete repertory. Although small dogs can do this trick with more ease, all dogs can do it with a little practice and perseverance. Furthermore, the dog that can go « UP! » will find it easier. Here's how :

1. Give the command « WALK ». Take your rope, and when the dog grips it solidly with his mouth, lift him and maintain him in balance by holding him by the torso, directly under his forelegs. Once the position has been set, give the command « WALK » once more, and take a few steps back. Congratulate your dog by saying « GOOD! » « WALK! » « GOOD! ». If the dog knows the command to « JUMP! », you can use this command to lift and hold his torso. By repeating the exercise, the dog will need less support on your part, so be vigilant to determine when the dog will be ready to progress. Watch the position of the dog's back - it must not be too far back, or too far forward. The dog will get accustomed to this position to maintain his balance. It is easier to perform this manoeuvre with a small dog, as you can do it with your hands, one in the back, one in the front.
2. When the dog no longer needs any support, proceed with a leash and a biscuit (we strongly recommend the *Gentle Leader*) for minimum support, and a treat to entice him into assuming the proper position. Give the command "«W ALK! », holding the leash and the treat in the same hand – apply tension directly upwards.
3. Once the dog is up on his hind legs, say « GOOD! » and give the command « WALK! » once more. Take a few steps back , moving the treat, always visible, in the right direction. When the dog has taken a few steps, congratulate him. (It is possible that the centre of gravity will pull him forward; you must see to it that the front legs remain close to the stomach). If the dog has a problem with his balance, return to step 1.

**When the dog no longer needs the leash, the treat will do, He can now react to a command at a distance.**