

# Peekaboo

Peekaboo is a trick to teach your dog if there is an off-leash dog approaching or if you have kids or are around kids often. Between your legs is a safe place for your dog.

## Steps:

1. With your pockets stuffed with your dog's favorite treat, go to a place with little to no distractions.
2. Stand with your dog behind you or, if you have a very small dog, try kneeling rather than standing. Bend at the waist and hold your dog's favorite treat between your knees.
3. Call her and show her the treat; when she is between your legs, you can say, "PEEKABOO," and give her the treat. Once she is doing it consistently, try holding the treat when she is between your legs and make her sit (you can either say it or signal) and then give her the treat, always saying "PEEKABOO."
4. After a few times of repeating the action, just say "PEEKABOO" and wait for her to go between your legs, sit, look at you, and then give her the treat. Remember to always use a release word (such as "OK") when you want her to move away from between your legs.
5. Repeat step 4 several times, and once your dog is reliable, move to adding distance.



## Adding Distance:

Start with your dog behind you and take one step forward, then ask the cue. Once your dog is reliable, take two steps forward before asking the cue, and so on, until you can get to the end of a 6-foot leash and perform the cue correctly. Then move to adding a distraction.

## Adding Distractions:

With your dog on a 6-foot leash, take them to your front yard and repeat steps 1-5. Once your dog is reliable, start adding distance while in this 'distracting' environment

