

# Tori's Behavior Modification Plan

This plan addresses Tori's individual behavior modification and training needs.

## Problem Behavior(s)

- Reactive behavior toward children, characterized by barking and growling on leash when she sees them. During one close interaction, Tori snapped at a 10 year old child (no contact made).
- Lack of impulse control, characterized by frequent jumping and pushing paws off of the handler.
- Sensitivity for handling/leashing at the shelter, characterized by stiffness and growling.



## Equipment for Training and Management

- High-value training treats. Tori loves hot dogs!
- Holt head collar
- Leash
- Easy Walk harness
- Treat pouch
- Baskerville Ultra Muzzle

## Basic Manners Cues

Tori is responsive to the following cues: *sit, down, watch me, touch (hand-target), on your bed, wait, and stay* with distance. Tori should continue practicing increased duration in her stationary cues, *wait, on your bed, and stay*.

## Look At That (LAT)

Follow these steps when training with Tori on leash in the presence of potential triggers:

1. When Tori sees another dog, a child, or a stroller on leash, state the verbal marker, *Yes!* And deliver a high-value food reward.
2. Repeat each time Tori looks in the direction of the stimuli.
3. Ensure that you are far enough from the stimuli so that Tori can readily engage with you, accept treats, and perform known cues.

For more information, [click here](#).



### **Focus Walks**

Tori should actively engage in reward-based training and obedience while on walks. This involves maintaining a high rate of reinforcement (treat delivery) and prompting cues throughout the walk such as *sit*, *down*, *touch*, and *watch me*.

### **Relaxation Protocol**

Tori should regularly participate in Dr. Overall's Relaxation Protocol to improve impulse control and increase relaxed behavior. Full details and a checklist is located [here](#).

### **Management**

- Tori should wear a head halter connected to a harness or collar while on walks.
- Tori should actively participate in reward based training exercises while on walks.
- Tori should receive regular physical exercise and mental stimulation through interactive enrichment.
- **Tori should not be off leash in public places, such as the park, to prevent potential interactions with children.**