

# Walking the Dog

You may think that opposing defenders are ferocious. Don't you believe it. They may seem like guard dogs, but they can be taken on little walks – sometimes into areas where they don't belong.

Come on, Boy!

Have a look at illustration 1. As the attacker walks (runs) away from the ball, our tame defender goes obediently with him, opening the space for the attacker to move into when – and only when – the attacker decides the time is right to catch the “dog” by surprise (illustration 2). Hopefully the doggie's name is Sleepy, not Scamp!

However, don't take anything for granted. It's one player against another and one team against another. Take the dog for a walk by all means, but it might come down to a game of cat and dog. Or should that be cat and mouse?

