

Basic Obedience Week 2

Sit/down/stand

Practice these sequences

Sit/ down /sit

Stand/ down/sit

Down/stand/down

Down/ sit/stand

Remember, you are luring with the food in your right hand but feeding with your left hand.

Use right hand to lure dog into position. As soon as he moves into the correct position say "yes" and immediately reward him with a tiny treat from your left hand.

When your dog is reliably moving through the various position changes with ease, have him do more work for less money and start rewarding him at the end of the sequence (i.e. sit/down/stand say "yes" and treat from left hand).

Invisible rewards-empty hand signals

Remove the treat from your right hand. Use the 'claw like' hand signal as demonstrated in class to prompt your dog into the desired behavior.

When he responds to a "food free" right hand signal, say "yes" and immediately give a treat to the canine genius from your left hand that has been hidden behind your back. Do several sets of these throughout the day.

Remember: To get "Anytime, anywhere" obedience start to bring the show on the road. Vary the location where you practice. That means for now working in a low distracting environment where your dog will be successful. Practice in different rooms in your apartment and right outside your apartment door.

Hand targeting -(adding distance to your recall)

Practice hand targeting recalls between 2-4 people . Keep food rewards hidden behind your back so that your dog is responding reliably to your hand targeting signal. Use a kissy sound or say the dog's name ONCE to get his attention. When your dog hand targets say "yes" and reward with a tiny treat. Work up to having your dog travel 5 ft to 15 ft to hand target.

Extra credit- If your dog master's this behavior, add a empty handed ' sit' or 'down' at the end.

Impulse control

Practice impulse control using a kong toy, food bowl, water bowl, treat or plush toy. This behavior will eventually become your stay.

You should be doing 20+ repetitions throughout the day in varying low distraction environments for generalization purposes.

This week our additions are:-

A/ Duration before releasing (5 -10 seconds in apartment in different rooms with varying rewards)

B/ Eye contact for release (dog glances up at you, release with 'okay, get it)

Anti- jumping

Continue turning away and ignoring all jumping and reinforce 4 paws on the floor.

In addition, this week we would like you to work on having your dog meet and greet people in a mannerly fashion (i.e not jumping).

Practice 'set up's' with people who will ignore your dog's jumping and ONLY give him attention for sit's, or 4 paws on the floor.

Your job is to keep the treats coming fast and furious while your dog is sitting or standing so that his attention is on you while your dog is being petted by visitors or strangers.

1. Jekyll and hyde approaches - Set- ups- when you are expecting visitors ,keep your dog on leash.

Have your guests only approach your dog based on his quiet ,calm behavior.

Coach visitors ahead of time.

2. On the street with strangers- Manage your dog so that he doesn't practice the jumping behavior. Step on the dog's leash and continue to feed your dog while he is either standing or sitting as the strangers interacts and pets him.

Tricks

Rollover & spin

These tricks have 2 benefits, 1. A cute trick and 2. Acclimating him to more handling as well as getting more control over behaviors.