

Puppy Preschool Clicker Class
Session Four Homework

Socialization and Introduction to New Things:

Introduce your puppy to 5-10 new people.

Let your puppy do something new this week (stairs?)

Introduce your puppy to something that makes noise (vacuum, weed eater, leaf blower).

New Behaviors:

Touch – Begin teaching your puppy how to target this week by teaching the “touch” behavior. Wait until you have the behavior of your puppy touching his nose to your palm before you add the word “Touch.” Review the “Touch” section in this book.

Stay – Review the “stay” exercises in this book. Begin teaching your puppy to “stay” this week. You can start with either a “sit-stay” or a “down-stay.” Remember, young puppies have a hard time focusing for long so progress slowly on this behavior and set your puppy up for success.

Off – You can begin teaching your puppy the meaning of “off” this week. Get “off” the furniture (or whatever) when asked.

Handling – Begin handling exercises demonstrated in class (work with your puppy’s ears, eyes, mouth, paws, tail, etc.) and continue for the rest of your dog’s life!

Review And Expand Behaviors:

Settle – Begin by getting your puppy to “settle” while excited this week.

Down – This week, teach your puppy to lie down using the hand signal and a verbal cue. If you have lured this behavior, eliminate the treat as a lure and just use your hand. The hand-luring movement will transition into your hand signal. Continue to click and treat as a reward when your dog lies down.

Leave-It/Take-It – Continue progressing to step 2 of “leave-it” this week. Are you ready to place an open hand under your puppy’s nose?

Reading

Concepts:

Chapter 5

Handling (p. 66)

Chapter 9

Digging (p. 146)

Behaviors:

Touch (p. 105-107)

Stay (p. 98)

Off (p. 110)