



Elementary Clicker Class

Week 4 Homework

Puppy Push Ups

Practice Puppy Push ups with “Stand” added as a third behavior. 3 behaviors, one click and treat

Name Game

Continue to play the name game, this week with distractions

Discriminating Cues

Begin working with your dog’s ability to discriminate cues. Try asking for a sit to down, down to sit, sit to stand, stand to down, etc.

Stay

Work with “stay” this week. Your goal is to work up to a 30 second stay while standing in front of your dog. Start with your dog in a sit or a down (whichever they like best) Once you have a reliable stay in that position, progress to the next position. Remember stay has 3 main components:

- **Duration** - how long can he/she stay in one place without moving or changing positions
- **Distance** - how far away from your dog can you move
- **Distractions** - add in distractions

Introduce Release Word

Let your dog now when the behavior is over!

Leave It/Take It

Progress to Step 3 as demonstrated in class (treat on the floor).

Recall

Continue practicing your Ping Pong Puppy, progress to your dog needing to “listen” to the cue.

Reward when your dog comes to the trainer who has actually cued them to come.

Hide & Seek

Play hide and seek with your dog to help build their recall as demonstrated in class.



Loose Leash Walking – Choose To Heel

Introduce your dog to the game “choose to heel” as demonstrated in class.

Self Control Exercises – Tug & Calm

Play “tug and calm” with your dog as demonstrated in class.

Continue your progress

Continue progressing with the behaviors we have worked on so far in class. Review the individual instructions on each of these and progress accordingly. Is your dog performing these behaviors consistently? Have you added the cue?

Generalize behaviors by moving around the house, changing your orientation to your dog and using different postures (for example, you sit instead of standing) when you give the cue. Remember to use your “release word” such as “finished,” “go play,” etc. when the training session is over.

Also, be sure to do your training before you feed your dog. If your dog is hungry, he or she will pay closer attention to you. Also, start working with problem behaviors as appropriate when they occur and set them up in a training session.