



Puppy Preschool Class

Week 4 Homework

Socialization and Introduction to New Things

Introduce your puppy to 5-10 new people. Introduce your puppy to things people carry or wear. **For example:** hat, bags, sunglasses, umbrellas, uniforms, or Halloween costumes.

We discussed the use of no pull harnesses and head collars

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Touch – Target Stick

Make sure you've added the cue "touch" for the behavior touching your hand. Now, introduce your puppy to a target stick. Once the puppy is following the target readily and the behavior is on cue, you can begin using the target stick to teach loose leash walking.

Heel

Review the "heel" section in *Click 'n Connect*. Begin teaching your puppy to heel with the target stick and the shaping method. Start in your living room, and then progress to the backyard or a safe, fenced area. Work this behavior off leash with and then later, add the leash. Since you have a very young puppy, now is a perfect time to teach "heel."

Loose Leash Walking

Begin teaching your puppy the concept of loose leash walking using a rapid rate of reinforcement as discussed in class.

Self Control Exercises:

Calming ovals – begin working with calming ovals as demonstrated in class

Transport walk (getting from A to B) – work with your puppy on a transport walk as a means of getting from point A to point B with minimal fuss.

Leave It/Take It - add step 3 (food on the ground)

Q&A – any questions on problem behavior videos discussed last week?