



Elementary Clicker Class

Week 1 Homework

Have you watched the orientation?

View the video here: www.gentlepets.com/class-orientations. The orientation video is an important part of your Elementary class and we encourage you to watch. If you have watched a previous orientation for our puppy classes, it is not necessary to view this video.

Name game

Click and treat your dog for responding to their name as demonstrated in class

Reviewing Basics

Charging the Clicker

Charge the clicker only the first time you introduce your dog to the clicker. It does not need to be done again. Remember to only add the cue once the behavior is learned and strong.

Basic Behaviors

Sit

Work with capturing the sit behavior. Simply click and treat each time you see your dog sitting. Soon this behavior will be readily offered! If your dog already sits on cue, practice asking for the behavior and then clicking and treating.

Sit for greeting – jumping up

Review the section in *Click 'n Connect* book on Jumping and the methods outlined to begin teaching your dog to sit to greet people. We demonstrated the tether method in class.

Down

Teach your dog to lie down on cue this week. Read over “down” section in *Click 'n Connect*. You can work with capturing this behavior, shaping it or luring it. If you lure, fade the food as quickly as possible.

Basic behaviors continued below



Basic Behaviors continued

Leave it/take it

Review this section of *Click 'n Connect*. Begin teaching “leave-it” and “take it”. Progress to the next level only after your dog is successful at the current level.

For instance, start with a closed fist (step 1) and make sure that is working before progressing to an open hand (step 2). If your dog is having problems, drop back to the prior step and reinforce that behavior before moving on.

Self-Control Exercises

Parking

Practice Parking as demonstrated in class to help teach your dog self control

Transport Walk (A To B)

practice the transport walk as demonstrated in class so it can be used when necessary