



Advanced Beginner Obedience Homework - Week One

Skills to practice:

Look – Increase duration of held eye contact

Touch - Increase distance and try lifting or lowering your hand.

Side/Finish – Work on shortening/fading lure for Side cue.

Sit & Down at Side - Ask for Sit and Down in heel position.

Eye Contact at Side - Reward for eye contact in side position both stationary & while walking.

Front - Lure from side position back into a front facing position.

Hand signals – work on hand signals only without any verbal cues for Sit, Down, and Touch.

Sit & Down Stay – Work on increasing distance and duration for Stay.

Automatic sits - Practice having your dog Sit at your side every time you stop walking.

Generalization – Work on your dog's cues in two new locations.

Class Challenge: Choose a fun trick to teach your dog. You will present your trick on week 6.

Feel free to ask instructor for ideas!



Advanced Beginner Obedience Homework - Week Two

New skills to practice:

Voice cues – Work on voice only cues for Sit and Down.

Lid targeting – Practice transferring “Touch” to a flat object like a yogurt lid held in your hand. Call this something different from when you do hand targeting. Work towards getting target lid towards the ground.

Stand at Side - Work on a stand in Heel Position

Peekaboo/Middle - Have your dog in a Sit or Stand Stay and turn your back to them. Lure them between your legs with a treat.

Recall – Call your dog to you in a low distraction environment where you know they can succeed. Practice with a long lead if possible. Have your dog sit for reward when they get to you and also gently grasp their collar.

Back Up - Work against a wall. Have your dog in heel position (between you and the wall) with a treat aligned with your dog’s spine/snout (don’t hold too high or too low). Take a couple of steps forward and then take a step back. As you step back, move the treat with you. Mark and release the treat for any movement backwards.

Speed Changes - Practice walking a little faster or slower than your usual pace while heeling.

Reminder: Next week, bring a blanket, mat, towel, or bed for your dog to lay on.



Advanced Beginner Obedience Homework - Week Three

New skills to practice:

Leave it – Work on 'leave it' with treats on the floor.

Mat Work - Find a place in your house that will be your dog's "chill spot". Reward them for calm behavior in this spot. Try giving them a food-based treat to enjoy in their spot. Make sure to release them off of it before they decide to get up on their own.

Sit & Down Stays - Add different distractions. Reach for leash, sit or crouch down, start to work your way around your dog in a circle, jump, etc.

Distance – Ask your dog to go from a sit to a down. Reset, take a step back, and ask again. Repeat. Slightly increase the distance you ask for the down from each time.

Drop/Fast Down – Work on having your dog drop into a down position directly from walking.

Right Finish/Around- Have your dog get into heel position via going around behind your back.

Reminder: Don't forget to be practicing your special trick!



Advanced Beginner Obedience Homework - Week Four

New skills to practice:

Finishes - Continue to practice your left, right, & front finishes.

Peekaboo - Lure your dog around your leg as if you were doing a Right Finish, but with your legs apart. When they get behind you, get their attention and lure between your legs with your other hand.

Heel with Eye Contact - Work on walking about 6 feet with your dog while maintaining eye contact.

Wait & Call to heel – Leave your dog in a wait and take a step or two ahead of them. Pause a moment and then call them to join you in heel position. Do not turn to face your dog at any point.

Left & Right Turns - When practicing heeling, make sure you practice turning both towards and away from your dog. A figure 8 is a great way to practice this.

Distance – Increase distance for sit and down cues.

Lid Targeting – Continue to practice lid targeting with the lid flat on the ground. Increase distance, sending your dog to touch the lid on the ground from further away.

Autosits - Continue to practice cueing your dog to sit whenever you stop.



Advanced Beginner Obedience Homework - Week Five

New skills to practice:

Leave it – Practice Leave it with a treat in motion. Start slowly by just tapping the treat with your finger or dropping from a few inches off of the ground. Practice leave its with “no-no” items around the house.

Hand signals & Voice Cues – Continue to work on hand signals only without any verbal cues for Sit, Down, and Touch as well as voice only cues for Sit and Down.

Food bowl Wait & Call Away – Put your dog in a wait as you lower their food bowl. Before you release them to eat, take a step to the side and call your dog towards you away from the bowl. Have them sit or touch and then release them to eat.

Wait & Call to moving heel – Leave your dog in a wait and take several steps ahead of them. Leave the foot on the side you will be calling them to join you on slightly behind. Pause a moment and then call them to join you. The moment they catch up to you, start heeling.

Recall – Call your dog to you away from a minor distraction. Practice with a long lead if possible. Have your dog sit for a reward when they get to you.

Lid Targeting - Continue increasing distance when targeting lid.

Tricks! – don't forget to practice your trick to present next week!

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