



Intermediate Obedience Homework - Week One

Practice in little 5-15 minute sessions throughout the day - a minimum of 15 minutes each and every day.

Skills to practice:

Touch - Work on more challenging touches - increase distance as well as try lifting or lowering your hand so your dog has to reach or bend down. Also try having your hand to the side so your dog has to turn their head to get to it.

Look - Work on extended eye contact and see if your dog can maintain eye contact while you move around.

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

Sit & Down at Side - Ask for Sits and Downs in heel position. Make sure you are practicing having them sit parallel to you, not angled. Use a wall to help guide them.

Stay - Work on walking in a circle around your dog while they are in a sit or down stay.

Generalization - Use the backside of your tricks handout to work on generalization of your dog's skills.

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!



Intermediate Obedience Homework - Week Two

Skills to practice:

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

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

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

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.

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 on getting the target lid towards the ground.

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.



Intermediate Obedience Homework - Week Three

Skills to practice:

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

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

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

Lid Targeting - Increase distance when targeting lid.



Intermediate Obedience Homework - Week Four

Skills to practice:

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.

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.

Sit & Down Stays - Add different distractions. Reach for leash, sit or crouch down, jump, dance, etc.



Intermediate Obedience Homework - Week Five

Skills to practice:

Heeling- Continue to work on walking with your dog while maintaining eye contact.

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.

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.

Sit for Petting - Make sure your dog sits when greeting any new or familiar humans.

Feel free to email us with any questions at training@geminidogs.com

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