



Beginner Obedience Homework - Week Five

Skills to practice:

Puppy Push-ups - Work on shortening your hand gestures for Sit and Down into hand signals.

Look - Add short duration to the Look cue. After your dog looks, count to 2 or 3 before marking and rewarding.

Give/Drop It - When your dog is holding something in their mouth, present a treat. As soon as your dog opens their mouth/lets go of what they are holding, click and reward them with the treat. When your dog reliably drops the toy for the treat, begin to use the verbal cue "Give" or "Drop It" as you present the treat.

Food Bowl Wait - Have your dog Sit and Wait while you lower their food bowl. Say "Okay" to release them to eat. Remember this is not a Leave It.

Recall - Practice recalls in a new environment. Always ON LEASH. Try a 15' or 20' long lead. End the recall with a front Sit and grasp their collar with one hand as you deliver a treat with your other hand.

Side - Continue practicing luring your dog into position at your side. Once they are there, ask for a Sit and eye contact.

Loose Leash Walking - Continue practicing rewarding your dog next to your leg while you walk. Gradually take more steps in between treats.

Doorway Wait - Try adding "Look" to their Doorway Waits. They must Sit, Wait, and Look at you before being released.