



Beginner Obedience Homework - Week One

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

Skills to practice:

Introduce/Charge the Clicker - Click and give a treat to your dog to build the connection that the click means a treat is coming. One single click and then immediately give a treat. You should repeat this until your dog makes the clear connection that the click will always be followed by a treat.

Touch - Practice having your dog target your fingertips/hand with their nose. Present your hand 6-12 inches from your dog's face, right at their nose level. Make sure your palm is facing your dog and your fingers are pointing down, not up.

Look - Lure your dog's attention to your face.

Sit - Lure up and back at angle

Down - Lure straight down between your dog's front feet and then either slowly towards or away from your dog (each dog is different). Lure from both a sit and a stand.

Name game - Say your dog's name excitedly and back up. Click as soon as they turn towards you. Keep up the motivation as they follow through and reward when they get to you. The backing up action is important. Don't say come yet - just your dog's name.