



Beginner Obedience Homework - Week Two

Skills to practice:

Look - Try to draw your dog's gaze to your face without the use of a treat - just your hand/finger.

Stand - Lure your dog forward just enough that their bum comes up off the ground. Try not to do a long drawn out motion. We want their bum to come up, but their front feet to stay stationary.

Sit from Down position - Lure up at an angle over your dog's head to help them go from laying down to sitting.

Leave It - Present your dog with treats enclosed in two hands about a foot and a half apart. Once they have begun to sniff one of them, say "Leave It" *once*. The moment they turn their head away or back away from it, say "Yes" and reveal and give the treat from the opposite hand. Remember never to reward with the treat you said "Leave It" for. Once your dog has figured out the game, switch to having one of your hands behind your back.

Present a treat in one hand and when they show interest, say "Leave It" once. As soon as they lift their head away from the treat hand, say "Yes" and give the treat from behind your back.

Loose Leash Walking – Reward your dog for being in the "Treat Zone" next to your leg. Progress can only be made with no tension on leash. If there is tension – stop, and wait for your dog to release the tension by moving back towards the Treat Zone.

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