

Obedience Club of Daytona, Inc. Basic Manners Class – Week 4 Homework and Notes

IT'S YER CHOICE GAME - Review the handout from Week 3.

- Follow the steps to progress with your dog as outlined.

“Let's Go” LOOSE LEASH WALKING with Counter Moves:

- The food lure is still visible; but held higher up.
- Always keep the leash loose. **Use the command, “Let's Go!”**
- Move forward with a purpose to make moving with you fun. Keep a bounce in your step, careful not to stride out too long, better to make short quick steps. This kind of movement will increase the dogs' interest in moving with you. **YOU MUST KEEP THE LEASH LOOSE.**
- **Use the Counter Moves.**
 - As soon as your dog loses his focus on you or isn't by your side, move in a different direction.
 - When he gets back where he belongs, say “Yes!” and release the dog to the cookie.

SLIDE SITS – as we did in class.

- Cookie in right hand
- Left hand right near the clip of the collar.
- Your dog is standing in front of you, with you facing the dog's side.
- You slide one step to the right, luring the dog with the cookie
- At the same time, as you complete the step you apply some upward pressure on the collar as you command “sit” and the dog sits.

“WITH ME”

Goal: The dog learns to be responsible for staying with its handler. NO FOOD VISIBLE. No commands.

- **YOU MUST keep the leash loose for this exercise to be taught.**
- Be slightly to the rear of the dog.
- Stand still and don't look directly at the dog. Don't say anything.
- When the dog isn't paying attention to you, quietly take one away from the dog.
 - If the dog moved with you, say “Good”
 - If the dog doesn't move with you right away, gently tug on the collar towards the dog's rear, where you are. This tug should move the dog towards you.
 - Continue to move away from the dog when he doesn't appear to be paying attention to you.
 - If the dog moves with you, say “Good.”
 - If the dog doesn't move with you, use the leash.
 - Remember, do all of this QUIETLY.
- Soon the dog should begin to look at you more and more
- When you notice the dog looking at you, end the exercise by looking at him and saying “Yes!” and reward with a treat.
- Be sure to keep the treats in your pocket until you give it to the dog.

TOY PLAY - tugging games are great exercise for your dogs but remember to play safe. The dog should do more tugging than you do. When a dog likes to tug it can be hard to get the toy back. We start this with a "trade." Have your dog fully engaged in a tug game, reach for a cookie, let him smell it and say "Trade." S

- Sometimes you will keep the toy and tuck it away after a trade. This is when you would say, "Leave it" and tuck the toy away.
- Other times ask for a behavior and then **release**, "Break-Get it" to the toy.
- Other times just let him have the toy again.

"SETTLE"

Goal: Used to calm the dog down after play.

- Use as we did in class.

RECALLS:

- Whenever possible, have someone at home hold your dog back as we practiced in class. If that isn't an option practice RECALLS on a long leash or in a safe environment as discussed in class.

POSITION CHANGES:

Goal: Sit, Stand, and Down using One Command Only.

- Use your hands on the dog to assist the dog in doing the behavior. **Praise.** Mix up the order in which you have the dog change from position to another. Praise each one.

"LEAVE IT" and "COME": Set this up like we did in class. The more you practice this the better the dog will begin to understand what "Leave it" means.

1. The dog is on leash.
2. Have a cookie in your right hand.
3. Walk the dog near the distraction. Just at the second when you see the dog show interest, say "Leave it, Come" and lure the dog back to you and away from the distraction. Praise and reward.
4. If you are doing this frequently at home and the dog is learning what you want, try to say "Dog's Name - Leave it" sooner, before you get too close to the item. If your dog looks at you, lavish him with praise and then reward with food and or play with a toy.

SEE the Emergency Recall handout that you should also train at home.

Remember to use all your lesson plans to plan your training times.

Happy Training!