

1. Sit Stays

Continue to work on sit stays. Your dog should be able to sit stay for 60 or more seconds this week. Continue to increase your distance that you stand in front of your dog after they have success for at least 3 sessions. At graduation I will require you to be at the end of a 6 foot leash for up to 60 seconds. Keep working on adding distractions, but remember to move in closer and for less time to make sure you have success.

2. Down Stays

Down your dog. Make sure you are in front of your dog and give the “stay” command and signal. Try to work up to 2 minutes. Continue to increase the distance you stay in front of your dog once they have had success in at least 3 sessions. You will need to work up to a distance of about 6 feet or the length of your 6 foot leash. Keep adding distractions, but remember not to increase the distractions and distance at the same time. You are trying to work for success for the dog. You want them to succeed so that they will understand what you are asking for.

3. Recall

Continue to work your recall. Work separately with these:

1. You should be able to turn away from your dog and walk 20 feet or more. Make sure that your dog sits in front of you each time he comes to you, and be sure that your dog is close enough to grab their collar. Your dog should immediately come to you when called and you should be very enthusiastic when calling your dog. Continue working with the recall games.
2. As we did in week 5's homework, continue calling your dog from distractions.
3. Call dog past distractions. A long line or even just a regular leash is helpful. You will make it where your dog has to go past the distraction in order to get to you. If your dog ignores the distraction and comes to you, then praise enthusiastically! If your dog stops and starts to investigate the distraction, then gently pull on the leash until he starts coming to you. Immediately stop pulling the moment he starts coming to you again. Have your dog sit and praise. Repeat the exercise until your dog starts to ignore the distraction.

HINT: The farther away the distraction is to your dog, the easier it will be for your dog to ignore it. Distractions that are directly in the dog's path are the hardest to for them to ignore.

4. Loose Leash Walking with Distractions

Continue adding distractions while practicing loose leash walking. Walk your dog in a park with a lot of people, have someone distract your dog, etc. Go easy at first; your dog will succeed better. If your dog fails at this then go back to walking them without distractions and praising enthusiastically. Always try to end on a high note when training. Slowly begin adding distractions again and make sure to praise for any good loose leash walking.

Remember to practice figure 8's as well.

5. Stand Stay

Keep practicing the stand and having your dog stay while standing.

6. Doggy Push Ups-Sit, Down, Stand

Now since your dog knows how to sit, down, and stand, begin mixing up the three commands. Also start doing the commands in different areas as well. If you're used to training in the living room then go to the kitchen or even your backyard. You will be amazed at the difference in attention that you will get from your dog.

You should make your dog sit and/or down for everything they do – dinner, treat, or even affection. Continue to work on the speed at which your dog responds to the three commands. Your dog should now be able to do the three commands without a lure. Eventually your dog will be able to do all three commands by either verbal or signal but for this class you can do either or both.

7. Don't Forget About Your Trick Next Week

8. Don't Forget To Practice Your Real Life Situations For:

Sit, Down, Stand, Leave it, and Attention

Next week you will be asked to show the class what you have come up with. This was discussed in class 5.

9. Graduation – Next Week

Congratulations for making it this far. We will have lots of fun. This is what to expect for next week:

- ➔ Each of you will perform a real life situation using the commands that we discussed earlier and in class 5.
- ➔ We will have a group sit for 1 minute.
- ➔ We will have a group down for 2 minutes.
- ➔ Everyone will show their loose-leash walking and recall skills.
- ➔ Everyone will show off their trick that they chose to come up with.
- ➔ Last but not least there will be a prize for the one who performs best.

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