Good Puppy Week 2

Training Tips



- Quiet room to teach new behavior
- 1 session equals 2 to 3 reps
- 10 pieces of dog food or small treats equals 1 rep
- Use marker sound only to give feedback as behavior occurs
- Marker sound happens before the treat (treat 1 to 3 sec. after)
- When adding cue word only say the word once
- Associate the cue word with the behavior
- Move rooms to generalize
- Remember to catch good behavior

Name the Mat “Chill”

Two steps this week.

Step 1: Name the Mat

Step 2: Dog understands the word reward for saying the word and dog moving to mat and laying down on own without saying lay down.



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Step 1:

- Toss mat onto the ground
- Say “chill” as dog places four feet onto the mat
- Mark the four feet on mat
- Toss treat off mat to reset dog
- Repeat for 2 to 3 reps
- Change rooms and repeat activity during different sessions

Step 2:

- Toss mat onto the ground
- Say “chill” to send dog to mat
- Pause to see if dog sits down or lays down, lower treat hand to help into a down without saying word if necessary
- Mark as elbows hit the floor
- Treat between dog’s feet on mat
- Repeat only feeding for offering to lay down on mat

Sit

Teach Sit Three Different Ways



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- Mark dog for offering to sit on own
- Treat dog
- Add cue “sit” as behind touches ground
- Mark the touch down & toss treat
- Add signal: hand/palm up raising toward roof
- Mark the touch down & toss treat

Release Word

Go Be a Dog!



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Use tools to help teach dog you don't need to sit, lay down, chill or stay any longer.

- Grab a ball, objects, etc. to use
- Show dog object
- Pause for dog to offer nice behavior
- Lower object
- Dog moves, raise object
- Dog offers nice behavior, lower object
- Say "release" when dog is pausing in nice position as you lower object
- Note: work at dog's level

Hand Target

Great Engagement Tool!





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Hand Target can be used for engagement, recall, walking, greetings, tricks, etc.

- Show dog palm of hand
- Mark the moment dog's muzzle/nose touches palm
- Treat
- Move palm around dog's head and mark any touch and treat
- Add word "touch" as dog is move toward palm, mark the touch and treat
- Move around so dog is coming toward the front of you, the heel side of you, etc.
- Move all over the house rewarding with dog's meal

Look

Goal for dogs to look away from distractions to you!



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Eye contact needs to be taught!

- Treats in hand
- Lure dog's eyes up to your eyes with pointer finger at their nose smelling the treats in hand to your eyes
- Mark eye contact
- Treat so dog's eyes are still looking at you
- Repeat in different positions

Leave-It

Leave—It: Dog never get's a leave-it



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Think about a leave-it as it's poision, a snake, goose poop, cat poop. You never want your dog to learn to get any of that!

- 1 hand for leave-it items
- Treat hand behind back with clicker if used
- Step 1: No words (also handling skill)
- Present hand above head with treat
- Remove hand if dog goes for hand
- Mark and treat from opposite hand if dog does not move toward leave-it hand
- Step 2: Cue Leave-It
- Dog no longer goes for hand add leave-it as they are leaving-it
- Mark and treat from opposite hands
- Step 3: Click offered eye contact after Leave-it cue
- Step 4: Generalize by switching hands
  - If dog goes for new leave-it hand start over at Step 1

Chin Rest Step 1

Cooperative Care



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- Place cupped hand under/near dog's chin (does not need to be touching
- Mark as cupped hand is in location
- Take hand away and treat
- Repeat

Down

Make Laying Down Fun by Catching!



Video Link Catch Method

Video Link Lure Method

Video Link Target Method

- Lure Method – Show treat when dog is in a sit and slowly lower treat between dog's paws. Mark & treat when elbows touch the ground.
- Target Method – Same as lure without lure of a treat.
- Catch – Dog offers a down, mark and toss a treat to reset to do it again. (My favorite version.)

Trick - Bang

Great trick by also a great behavior for vet visits.

If your dog is comfortable laying on his/her side or rolling over they will not need to be man handled into the position for different procedures such as checking stitches, ear drops, x-rays, etc.



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