



Week 1 – Pre-Novice

Pinelands K9

Schedule

Schedule:

- Week 1 – Nov 12th, 2024 – You are here
- Week 2 – Nov 19th, 2024
- Week 3 – Nov 26th, 2024
- Week 4 – Dec 3rd, 2024
- Week 5 – Dec 10th, 2024
- Week 6 – Dec 17th, 2024

Agenda

- REVIEW

Heeling Forward, Slow, Fast, Normal, About Turn,
Circle Right, Circle Left, Halt

- HEEL
- AUTOMATIC SIT
- MARKER WORDS
- RETURN TO HEEL
- TURNS IN PLACE
- FRONT
- TEACH READY
- WATCH ME



Review

Each Handler should demonstrate:

- ☐ Heeling
- ☐ Forward
- ☐ Slow
- ☐ Fast
- ☐ Normal
- ☐ About Turn
- ☐ Circle Right
- ☐ Circle Left
- ☐ Halt

Heel

Heel:

- The leash should be held short, but without tension on the collar
- Left hand should be against the front of left thigh
- Excess leash should be neatly folded in right hand against belly
- Use both hands to hold the leash
- Say <dogs name> and 'heel'
- Walk at a brisk pace
- When dog leaves heel position bring him back quickly with a pop on the leash and immediately let the tension up
- Praise while you keep moving.
- Talk to your dog while heeling, keep their attention on you
- Pop the leash if your dog has head down and is sniffing, get their attention back

Automatic Sit

Automatic Sit:

- Say <dogs name> and 'heel'
- Take three steps
- Pop up on the collar with your right hand, guiding the dog to a quick sit with your left hand
- Praise.
- Repeat 5 times.
- If your dog sits crooked, do not accept it.
 - Step forward again, using the heel command, and guide the dog into a straight sit
- If you are having difficulty getting a straight sit
 - modify the exercise to be done where the dog is between you and a wall or other straight "guide" A fence or gates (in class).
 - When your dog sits, there will be no space for them to sit crooked.

Marker Words

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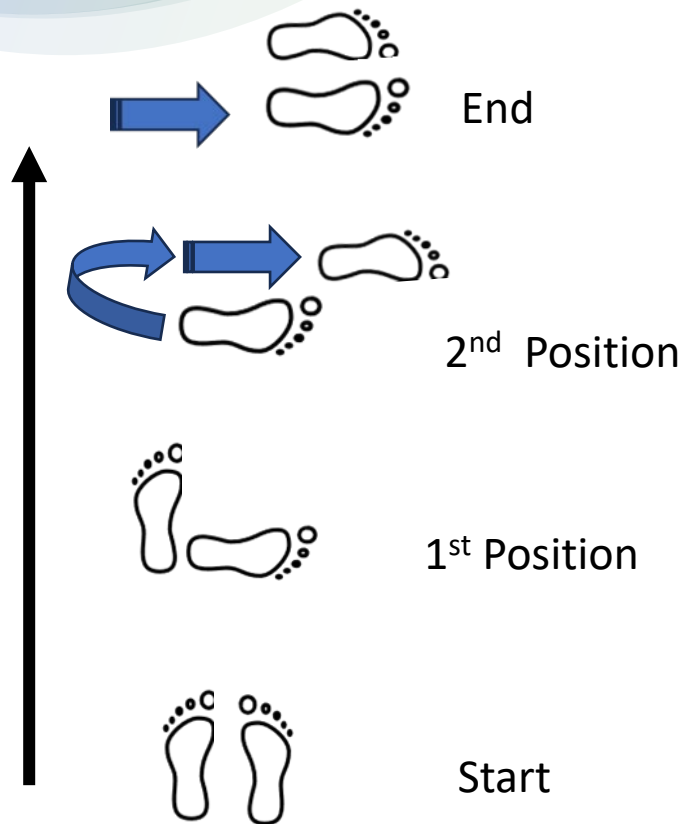
- **Pick a Release word – eg -“OK” “All Done”**
 - When an exercise is finished (instructor will say “exercise finished”, Release your dog enthusiastically and with lots of praise.
- **Pick a word for when an exercise is done perfectly - eg - “Perfect” “Good Job”**
 - Use it every time your dog gets it just right, especially on new exercises or exercises your dog is struggling to learn.
- **Pick a negative marker – eg - “Bah” “Wrong”**
 - Use this when your dog is making a mistake, then get them to do it right and praise.

Return to Heel

Return to Heel:

- Put your dog in a sit and give the stay command.
- Step directly in front of your dog.
- Holding the leash in your left hand,
 - Slowly walk past your dog, to the right
 - Around and behind your dog and into heel position.
 - Make sure the leash does not get tight
 - Make sure the leash does not wrap around your dog
- Wait a few seconds in heel position, then praise

Turns in Place



Turns In Place:

- **Right Turn**

- Place your right foot at a 90-degree angle to your left foot
- Give the command heel
- Take one step with your left foot, past your right foot
- Bring the right foot forward so both feet are together

- Say Sit and tuck your dog into position

- Repeat 3 times- should be back in original position

- **About Turn**

- Say <dogs name> and 'heel'
- Take two steps forward and turn right (see above), keeping your feet close
- Take two steps forward

- Say sit and tuck your dog into position

- Repeat 3 times

Front

Front:

- Using a chute:
 - Have your dog sit with feet just inside the chute
 - Walk thru the chute
 - Face your dog with your feet just inside the chute
 - Have a treat in your hand
 - Call your dog - <dogs name> and 'front'
 - As your dog approaches, give a SIT command, moving your hands in an L motion to guide the dog to sit.
 - Praise and give the treat

NOTE: Your dog should have a straight sit in front of you because the chute guides them. If the sit is not straight, help your dog to fix it (instructor will show this)

Teach Ready

Teach Ready:

- Say “Ready!” and run forward, giving a pop on the leash
- Run a few steps
- Then release and praise

Watch Me

Watch Me:

- Give the command “Watch Me” or “Look at me”
- When the dog makes eye contact, praise right away
- Important in this exercise to praise when the eye contact is made.
- Do three times, then give a treat

Things to Remember

Praise

- Praise with your voice ONLY when you are working on an exercise with your dog. Praise with your voice AND petting when the exercise is finished.

Train

- Train your dog for 15 minutes, once or twice a day. Some commands should be part of everyday life, like walking on the leash without pulling and doing a sit-stay at the door instead of bolting out.

Front

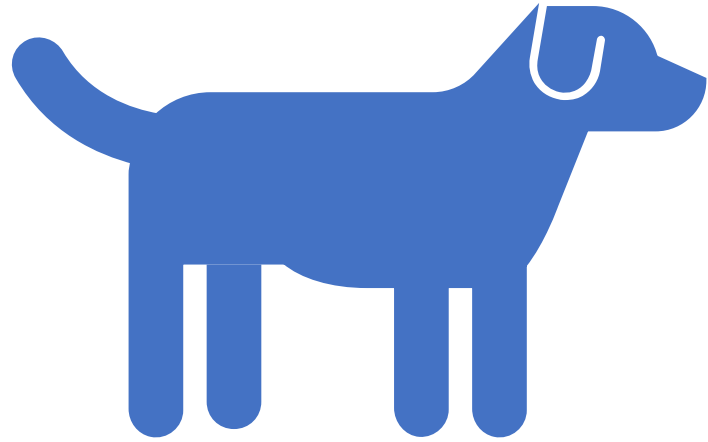
- Front is similar to a recall. Practice with a chute at home...even two straight boards will help to keep that sit in front of you straight. Make sure you keep the leash in hand to reinforce the dog coming to you.

Automatic Sit

- Practice this over and over so that eventually your dog will sit on their own without the guidance. Give them a chance to sit and if not, guide them.

Turns in Place

- Practice the footwork first without your dog. Once you have it down, work with your dog.



Things to Remember

- Always bring treats.
- Treats should be small and easy to eat
- Make sure collar is on correctly
- Hold the leash with two hands
- Enter the building keeping space between dogs
- Potty your dog before class
- Exercise your dog before class
- Practice, Practice, Practice