



Week 3 – Pre-Novice

# Pinelands K9

# Schedule

## Schedule:

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

# Agenda

- **REVIEW (see next page)**
- Heel with Distractions
- Heel w Umbilical Cord
- Motivational Turns
- Circle Left
- Stand for Exam
- Finish – to the left
- Sit/Stay, Down/Stay
- Front w/Chute – dog 3 feet back



# Review

Each Handler should demonstrate:

- ☐ Heeling – Automatic Sit during heeling, Marker Words upon completion of heeling, Return to Heel, Call Front chute ready after heeling, About Turns, Circle Right
- ☐ Turn in Place – Right Turn, Left Turn
- ☐ Finish – to the left
- ☐ Random Recall
- ☐ Watch Me with distractions
- ☐ Stand Stay

# Heel w/ Distractions

## Heel w/distractions:

- Your dog should maintain heel position and attention as a distractor tries to get their attention.
- Pop when he is distracted
- Praise when he ignores the distraction.

# Heel w/Umbilical Cord

## Heel w/Umbilical Cord:

- This is the beginning of teaching your dog to heel without the help of the leash.
- This will be easier if you are practicing your heel with a loose leash.
- Place the leash over your shoulder.
- Say your dog's name and heel and start walking at a brisk pace.
- When your dog leaves heel position, bring him back quickly with a pop on the leash and immediately loosen the leash again.
- When the dog is in heel position, praise but do not touch the leash.

# Motivational Turns

## Motivational Turns:

- For the right and about turns,
  - complete the turn then trot for several steps before returning to normal pace.
  - Make sure your hands stay in position.
- For the left turn,
  - slow down going into the turn, giving a small correction for forging
  - return to normal pace after the turn.
  - Praise.

# Circle Left

## Circle Left:

- Make a circle to the left,
  - about 4 feet in diameter,
  - at a slow pace.
- Use small corrections for forging.
- When the circle is complete, praise.

# Stand for Exam

## Stand for Exam:

- Stand/stay your dog.
- Step in front and go to the end of the leash.
- Have someone touch the dog's head, back and rear.
- Return to your dog and praise.
- Walk your dog out of the stand.

# Finish to the left

## Finish to the left :

- Sit your dog and step directly in front.
- The leash should be in your left hand.
- Give the finish command and take two steps **straight back**.
- Pop the leash back as you go.
- Guide the dog into a U turn towards you and take two steps forward, bringing the dog into heel position.
- Praise and release.

# Sit/Stay Down/Stay

## Sit/Stay, Down/Stay:

- Put your dog in position,
- step out in front and go to the end of the leash.
- Jump to the left, center, right and back to the center.
- If the dog moves, correct quickly.
- If the dog stays, praise and release.
- Also try putting the dog in a sit/stay and putting the leash on the collar's dead ring.
- Gently pull the leash, putting forward pressure on the dog's neck for a few seconds.
- Don't use too much pressure.
- If he stays, praise and release.
- If he moves, try again.

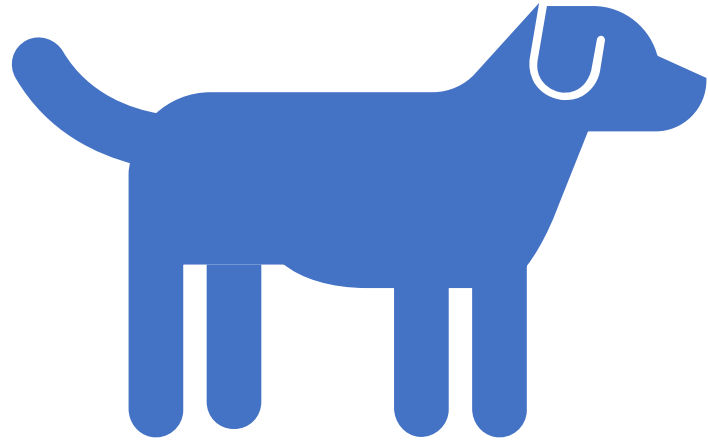
# Front w/Chute 3ft back

## Front w/Chute – dog 3ft back:

- As your dog gets comfortable using the chute:
  - place him in a sit/stay 3 feet back from the chute.
  - Place your toes inside the chute and Front your dog.
  - If the dog goes around the chute, put his feet inside the chute and try again.

# 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	Heeling, change directions and speed (Slow, Fast, Normal) Leash over neck. Correct but then do not touch the leash. About Turns, Circle Left and Right.



## 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