



Week 6 – 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
- Week 4 – Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024
- Week 5 – Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Week 6 – Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – You are here

# Agenda

- **REVIEW (see next page)**
- **HEEL: On Leash –**
- **HEEL: With “umbilical cord”**
- **HEEL: Off Leash**
- **Figure 8**
- **FINISH**
- **SIT/STAY, DOWN/STAY**
- **FRONT**
- **GRADUATION**



# Review

Each Handler should demonstrate:

- ☐ Heeling – Automatic Sit during heeling, Marker Words upon completion of heeling, Return to Heel, ready after heeling, About Turns, Circle Right, Circle Left With Distractions, With Umbilical Cord Finish to the left, Heel off Leash, Changing Speed
- ☐ Finish – to the left
- ☐ Stand for Exam
- ☐ SIT/STAY, DOWN/STAY
- ☐ FIGURE 8
- ☐ FRONT
- ☐ Watch Me with distractions

# HEEL: On Leash

## Heel On Leash:

- Continue to warm up your dog with on-leash heeling exercises.
- Make sure you are both working well together before going off-leash.

# HEEL: with Umbilical Cord

## Heel with Umbilical Cord:

- If you are still uncomfortable off-leash, work your dog with the leash over your shoulder a lot more.
- Remember not to touch the leash unless you are giving a correction.
- And then make sure you give a correction with the leash, not a suggestion.

# HEEL: Off Leash

## Heel Off Leash:

- Continue working towards longer and longer exercises with no leash attached.
- This week we will add an about turn to our off-leash work.
- We begin with turns to the left because it helps you “herd” your dog in the proper direction.
- Work up to circle rights, then when you are more comfortable,

# FIGURE 8

## Figure 8:

- Work with the leash over your shoulder, using your voice and body to steer the dog.
- When you are confident enough, try it off leash.
- It is important to be relaxed when trying off-leash exercises for the first time.
- Let your dog feel your confidence.
- Make sure your body language flows so the dog can interpret your moves.



# Finish

## Finish:

- You should be able to stop giving a leash signal to get your dog moving in this exercise.
- Be a cheerleader and talk your dog through the whole exercise.
- Use your hand to give a hand signal instead of a correction, then use your voice to bring the dog around into position.
- Lots of praise is extremely important in teaching off-leash work.

# Sit/Stay Down/Stay

## Sit/Stay Down/Stay:

- Work on this exercise around any distractions you can find.
- Go to parks with geese and kids, parking lots with people walking around, in your backyard with your neighbor's dog barking at you, any place you can find a distraction.
- Correct your dog quickly for moving out of place, praise heartily for staying in place.

# Front

## Front:

- If you are still working this exercise on-leash, call your dog to front, then trot backwards before getting the sit in front.
- This will help keep your dog's speed up as he come towards you.

# 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

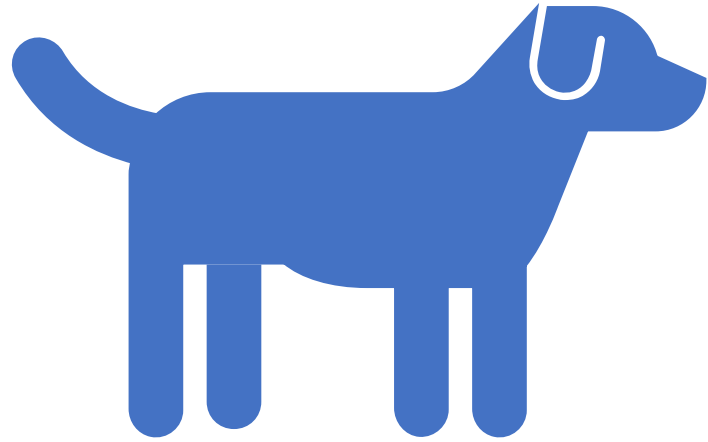
- Front and Finish should not be practiced together at this point. Your dog may skip the sit on the front in anticipation of the finish.

## Stand for Exam

- Ask others to examine your dog. Head back and butt. The more people the better so that your dog gets used to other touching them when YOU allow it.

## Heel Off Leash

- Only practice this when it is safe to do so, a ring at class, a fenced back yard or inside your home or another safe building. Be aware of your surroundings in the event your dog may get distracted..



## 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
- The club is always open to new members.
  - **Next meeting is Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 730pm**
  - **Next Session starts Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**