



Week 2 – Pre-Novice

Pinelands K9

Schedule

Schedule:

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

Agenda

- REVIEW

- Heeling, (Ready)

- Automatic Sit during heeling

- Marker Words upon completion of heeling

- Return to Heel

- Call Front chute ready after heeling

- Turn in Place – right turn

- About Turns in Motion

- Circle Right

- Front

- Turns in Place – left turn

- Finish – to the left

- Random Recall

- Watch Me with distractions

- Stand Stay



Review

Each Handler should demonstrate:

- ☐ Heeling – “Ready”
- ☐ Automatic Sit – during heeling
- ☐ Marker Words – end of heeling
- ☐ After heeling- do return to heel
- ☐ Call to front – chute after heeling
- ☐ Turn in Place

Heel

Heel:

- Keep your hands in position
- Work on the Rhythm between you and your dog as you work
- Keep your rhythm as you make turns and circles
- Pop the leash for lack of attention
- Keep a loose leash
- Talk to your dog as you work, reassuring your dog that they are doing it right

About Turns in Motion

About turns in motion:

- Same footwork as about turns in place
- Keep a loose leash going into the turn
- Say your dogs name for attention
- Make your about turn keeping your feet close
- Give a light pop on the leash as you finish the turn and continue walking
- Careful of your shoulders do not look back at your dog

Circle Right

Circle Right:

- **Hold leash in position- loose leash**
- make a circle to the right, about 4 feet in diameter, at a normal pace
- Encourage your dog to follow but watch your shoulders
- Your dog will be on the “outside” of you and will need to pick up pace
- “Lets Go”. Pop the leash if your dog is not keeping up with you.
- Do not “drag” your dog through the circle exercise
- At completion of the circle, praise your dog and release and treat.
- If your dog requires more motivation use food or a toy in your right hand to bring the dog around the circle.

Front

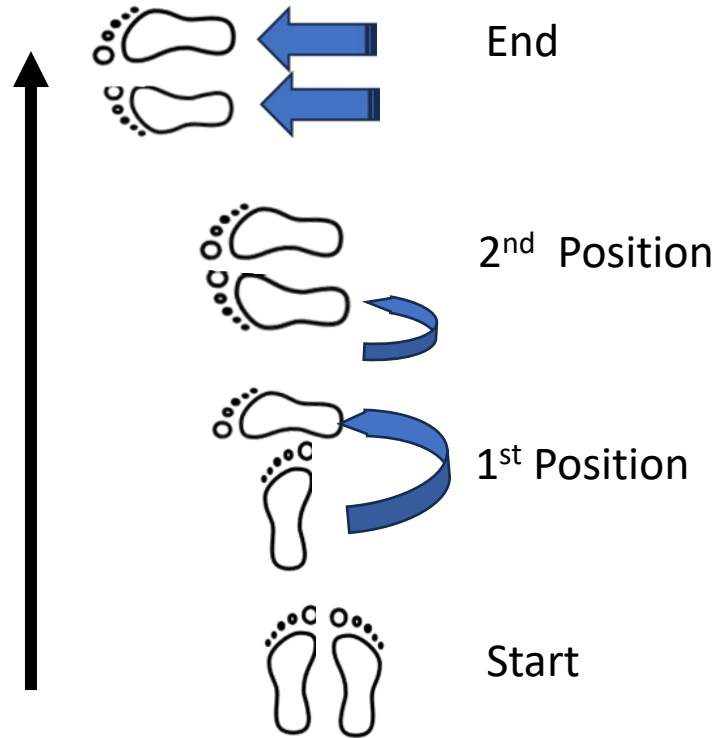
Front, using a chute:

- As your dog gets comfortable with the chute, place him in a sit/stay 3 feet back from the chute.
- Place your toes inside the chute and call your dog.
- If he steps around the chute, place his feet just inside the chute and call again.
- Praise and release for the proper response.
- If it is not done correctly, smile and say “not quite” and do it again.

Turns in Place

Turns In Place, Left Turn:

- Say <dogs name> and Heel
- Step forward on your right foot. Then left.
- Place the right foot in front of the left, forming a T.
- Bring the left foot around, guiding the dog into heel position, using backward pressure on the collar.
- Step forward with right foot, then left foot.
- Sit the dog, praise and release.



Finish

Finish, to the left:

- Put your dog in a sit/stay.
- Step directly in front of your dog.
- Say dog's name and heel.
- Walk past your dog guiding him in a U turn towards your body and back into heel position.
- Praise and release.

Random Recall

Random Recall:

- Wander around, no formal heeling.
- When your dog drifts away, call his name, pop the leash and back away, praising as he comes.

Watch Me

w/Distractions

Watch me with Distractions:

- Give your dog the watch me command
- Pop the leash if he looks away towards the distraction.
- Praise as soon as eye contact is made.

Stand Stay w/Exam

Stand Stay with Exam:

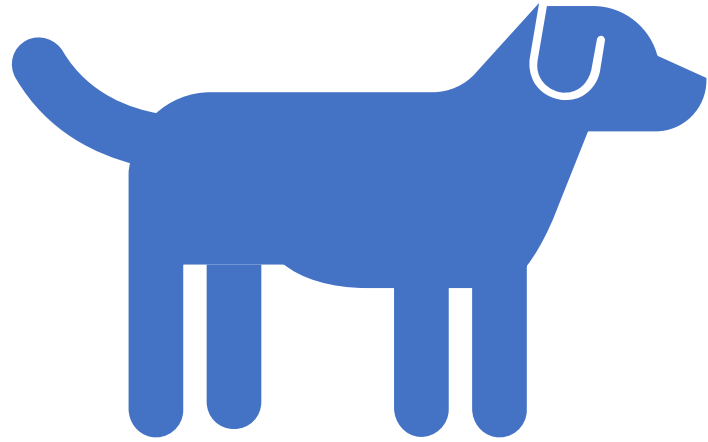
- Stand your dog and stay close with dog in heel position
- The examiner will touch dogs head, back and rear.
- Praise and release when examiner is finished

Notes:

- Keep your hands on dog if you need to steady dog.
- Right hand with leash, hold collar under throat.
- Left hand palm down under dog, in front of rear legs.

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