



Week 4 – Pre-Novice

Pinelands K9

Schedule

Schedule:

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

Agenda

- **REVIEW (see next page)**
- **HEEL: With “umbilical cord”**
- **FIGURE 8**
- **FRONT**
- **FINISH – To the Left**
- **STAND/STAY**
- **SIT/STAY, DOWN/STAY**
- **TURNS IN PLACE**



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
- ☐ Turn in Place – Right Turn, Left Turn
- ☐ Finish – to the left
- ☐ Random Recall
- ☐ Watch Me with distractions
- ☐ Stand Stay
- ☐ Stand for Exam
- ☐ Front with Chute – 3 feet back

HEEL: With “umbilical cord”

Heel w/umbilical cord:

- This week we will add a left circle to our heeling pattern.
- Make a slow 4 foot wide circle to the left.
- Do not touch the leash except to make a correction.
- Use your voice and lots of praise coming out of the circle.

FIGURE 8

Figure 8:

- This exercise uses right and left turns.
- Start with posts 12 feet apart.
- Begin to heel around the left post at a slow pace.
- When you get to the center, speed your dog up and trot around the right post.
- Circle each post three times, then release your dog as head towards the right post.
- Use your voice to motivate the dog.
- Make sure your shoulders are tilting in the correct direction.
- As your dog improves, your shoulders should be facing forward.

Front

Front:

- This week we will try the front without a chute.
- If your dog is not coming in straight, continue to use a chute, moving your dog back from the entrance of the chute.
- If the dog is coming but not sitting straight, continue to use food in an “L” pattern to bring the dog’s head up and into a sit position.

Finish – to the left

Finish to the Left:

- This week the only foot that moves is the left foot.
- The right foot stays planted.
- Give your finish command and step back with the left foot.
- Guide the dog through his turn, making sure to let out enough leash for the dog to have room behind you to make his turn.
- Bring the left foot forward, even with the right, and sit your dog.
- Wait a few seconds and praise.
- Do not practice the front and finish together.

Stand Stay

Stand Stay:

- Your dog should not be taking steps anymore.
- Place your dog in a stand and step to the end of the leash.
- Have lots of people examine your dog by touching his head, back and butt.
- When the exam is done step to the right, then to the left, and then back to center.
- Return to your dog and wait a few seconds before releasing your dog by walking him out of the stand.
- Never make your dog sit at the end of this exercise.

Sit/Stay Down/Stay

Sit Stay / Down/Stay :

- Continue practicing with distractions.
- This week start clapping, quietly at first, then increase the volume.
- Correct quickly for moving out of place.
- Return to your dog, then leave without a command.
- Return again then praise.

Turns in Place

Turns in Place:

- Practice this several time a week.
- It helps with footwork and reinforces the heel position for your dog.

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

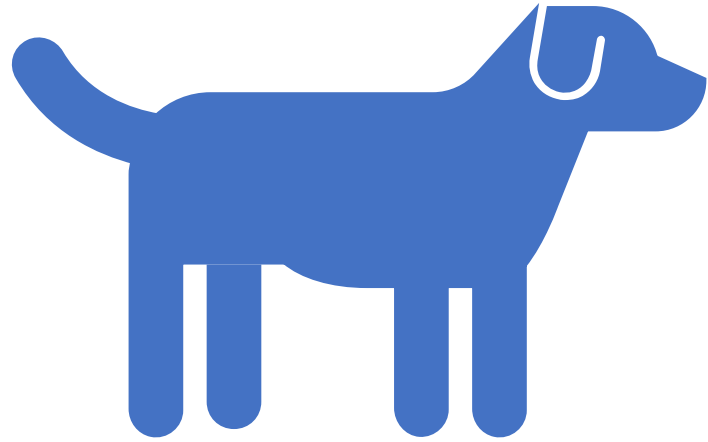
- Front is similar to a recall. Practice with a chute at home...even two straight boards will help to keep that sit in front of you straight. Make sure you keep the leash in hand to reinforce the dog coming to you.

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