

Beginners - Week 4

Pinelands K9



Agenda

- Review
 - Heeling
 - Forward, Slow, Fast, Normal, About Turns, Halt
 - Sit, Down, Stand, Owners Exam, Sit Stay(w Praise), Stand Stay, Recall, Watch Me,
- Circle Right
- Down Stay
- Sit Stay to end of Leash, If possible
- Leave It
- Sit Stay with Distractions
- Things to Remember

Review

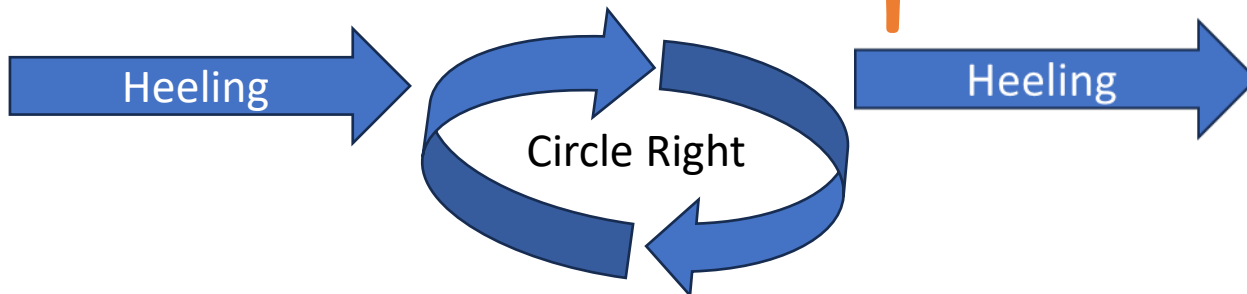
Each handler should demonstrate

- ☐ HEELING
 - Forward, Slow, Fast, Normal
 - About Turns, Halt
- ☐ SIT
- ☐ DOWN
- ☐ STAND
- ☐ OWNERS EXAM
- ☐ SIT STAY (w Praise)
- ☐ RECALLS
- ☐ WATCH ME

Circle Right

Circle Right:

- This is similar to an about turn, but you continue to turn in a complete circle.
- It keeps them paying attention. Make sure that they stay up to speed with you. Don't drag and use plenty of praise.
- When you have finished the circle, you will be going in the same direction you were going before you started the turn.
- Your dog will be on the outside and you should encourage them to keep up with you, popping the leash (not dragging) if they are not keeping up.



Down Stay

Down



Stay



Down Stay:

- Sit your dog in heel position
- Down your dog
- Stand up straight – Confident that your dog will stay
- Tell your dog to stay (opposite hand across in front of dogs face, without touching)
- Step in front of your dog, toe to toe
- Back up as far as your dog is comfortable
- Count to 10 and return to your dog forward toe to toe then back into heel position
- Continue this and once they are comfortable wait longer and or step further back if not at the end of the leash
- Be careful not to pull on the leash
- Step in front of your dog using your right foot first

Sit Stay – end of leash

Sit Stay – End of Leash:

- Sit your dog in heel position
- Stand up straight – Confident that your dog will stay
- Tell your dog to stay (opposite hand across in front of dogs face, without touching)
- Step in front of your dog, toe to toe
- Back up as far as your dog is comfortable – End of leash eventually
- Count to 10 come back to their toes and return to heel position
- Once your dog is comfortable with you stepping away, try light tugs on the leash – if they move, start over.

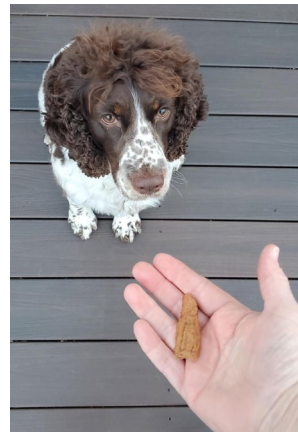
Leave It

Pull hand back saying
“Leave It.”
Repeat until there is no
more reaching for the
treat in hand

LEAVE IT:

- Put your dog in a Sit/Stay and stand in front. You have a small treat in each hand.
 - The right hand is in front of your dog.
 - The left hand is near the chest.
- Show your dog the treat in your right hand and close your hand and pull it away quickly if he reaches for the treat, saying "LEAVE IT"
- Repeat
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When the dog chooses to leave the treat alone when you open your right hand, that's when the dog receives the treat in your left hand, along with praise



SIT Stay with Distractions

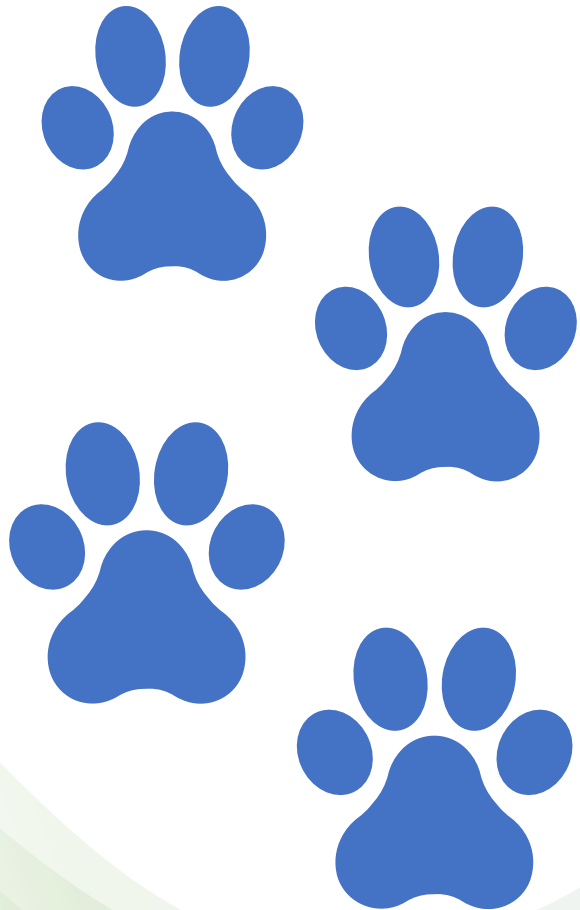
Sit Stay w Distractions:

- Sit your leashed dog in heel position
- Tell your dog to STAY
- Use toys, food or anything that would be a distraction to your dog. (Toss the toy or treat) If possible ask someone else to be or toss the distraction.
- Make sure you are able to correct your dog if they move from position.
- If your dog stays in position, praise when the exercise is finished.

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.
Recall	Recall could save your dogs life. Practice daily. Do not use the command unless you can re-enforce it (on a leash to correct)
Circle Right	Turn Away from your dog (to the right) and circle until you can continue in the same direction you were going. This is a full circle and then continue heeling
Circle	Next week we will circle left

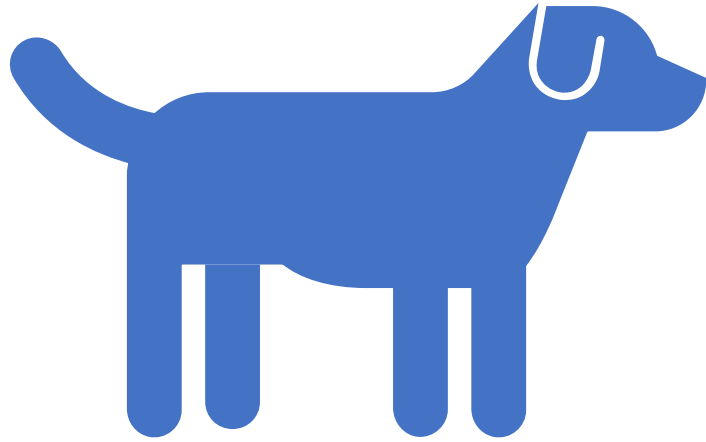
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- Use toys, treats, etc. to keep your dog's attention on you during a session. However, remember the key word is PRAISE (lots of it). Most dogs respond best to this.
- Two short sessions per day are better than one long one. Also you should train your dog at least 5 days per week (class not included).
- Please only use the designated areas for your dog to potty. Here or anyplace else. Do not let your dog pee on anything that someone may have to touch (trash cans etc).
- Always drive slowly when you are in an area with dogs. This includes the 4H when you come to and leave class as well as any dog events you may attend.

Things to Remember



- Keep treats on hand while training, but try to transition to praise
- Treats should be small and easy to eat
- Make sure collar is on correctly
- Enter the building keeping space between dogs
- Practice, Practice, Practice
- Continue to practice “Sit, Down and Stand” until you can keep your dog in position for 30 minutes. It takes work.
- You can always repeat Beginners class to reinforce what you have learned and have a distracting place to practice it.