
Elementary Clicker Training Class
Session Three Homework

New Behaviors:

Come – Use one or more of the exercises outlined in the section on “Come” to begin teaching your dog to come on cue. Do call your dog to dinner, click and treat. If you call your dog during the week, be ready to click and treat (even if it’s not an official training session). If your dog does not come to you, do not call again. Wait and if possible set up a new training situation where you’re more likely to have success, and then call her. Do not call your dog for anything unpleasant. I suggest you do not let your dog out in an unfenced area until you have a reliable response to “come.”

Stand – Work with teaching your dog to stand. You can simply capture this behavior or lure it.

Off – Teach your dog how to get up and “off” a piece of furniture or raised wall or other area this week.

Touch – Review the instructions for “touch” in this book. Start working on targeting this week by teaching your dog to touch your hand. This is a really fun behavior, and there are lots of fun things to teach your dog with it as we go on.

Quiet – Begin teaching your dog what “quiet” means this week. Review the section on “Barking” in this book.

Tug and Calm – Play the game as demonstrated in class.

Review:

Review “Down.” Are you ready for a verbal cue or hand signal? Continue your 5-10 minute training sessions at least twice daily. Continue strengthening and working on all the behaviors we’ve already learned: attention, sit, down, stand, and take collar.

Be sure to have your dog work in different locations in the house and perhaps, even the backyard on behaviors you’ve worked on for several weeks. Also, begin changing your orientation to your dog. For instance, have your dog sit or lie down on your left side instead of in front of you. Change your body posture also. If you’ve been standing, sit down and ask your dog to sit or lie down.

If you haven’t added the cue yet to any behaviors from the last two weeks, decide if it’s time. Review the section on “Adding the Cue” in this book.

Remember to incorporate training into your life. Have your dog do a behavior (such as sit, down, stand – vary them!) before serving his meal, before going outdoors, etc. Consider hiding some treats around the house and surprising your dog at unexpected times when he does something right.

Reading

Concepts:

Chapter 8

Options For Dealing With Problem Behaviors (p. 127)

Chapter 9

Chewing (p. 144)

Digging (p. 146)

Barking (p. 147)

Behaviors:

Come (p. 86)

Stand (p. 84)

Touch (p. 105)

Off (p. 110)

Quiet – Barking (p. 147)

“Tug-and-Calm” Game (p. 31)