

Advanced Class #1

- Introductions
- Class structure

Although many of the commands we'll be working on in the advanced classes were introduced in earlier classes, dogs at this level are expected to take responsibility for their actions. By the time a CCI puppy is turned in to advanced training at CCI, the pup should be able to complete all commands without the use of a food lure or a physical cue.

Activity: Look Ma! No hands!

Lesson A: HEEL

Reason:

- To teach the puppy to SIT in the correct position by the handler's left side
- Graduates use this command when they need the dog on their left side (e.g.: opening nonautomatic doors which swing open to the right), to move the dog from any position to their left side and in crowded conditions where dog must be directly next to the chair

Tips:

- Keep sessions short
- Start having the pup assume the HEEL from different positions (behind you, sitting on your left, from a bed, etc)
- When the pup is moving into the Heel position from a position facing the handler, the pup should walk toward the handler and turn a tight circle slightly behind the handler in order to move into the proper Heel position
- If the puppy Sits out of position, simply tell him "Heel" while taking one step forward with the pup; praise the puppy once he sits in the proper position
- If the puppy sits too far behind, encourage him up to you while giving the Heel command, or you may walk forward as described in the previous tip

Lesson B: Implied LEAVE

- Pups will be expected to ignore food on plates, food offered by stranger, food on the floor, and food on paws while the pups do a down-stay

Lesson C: OUT

Reason:

- Graduates use this command to navigate doorways
- Can be used to get a pup to leave a room or exit a doorway

How to teach:

- Position yourself with the pup in a let's go position at the threshold of a door.
- Give the command OUT while luring the pup through the doorway
- As soon as the pup is through the door lure the pup to face you
- Praise
- You may then either release the pup, do a let's go, or do a bac

Tips:

- Avoid letting the pup sit at the end of the out so he is ready for the next command
- Practice this command at various doorways and in different locations
- Pup should remain in a stand at the end of this command

Lesson D: Leash work (both sides)

Pups will work from both the right and left side to make sure they are versatile and ready for advanced training

Lesson E: CAR

At this point I'm sure these pups know the command CAR, but are they entering the car on command or because the door is open? We'll see!

Lesson F: OK

What? – This command will be used by the graduate and in advanced training to signal the dog that it is allowed to eat or drink. This command is not the same as release. The pups may eat or drink, but they may not bother other dogs, bolt away, or pull on the leash.

Try to make a point of doing training sessions with bowls of food or water around. Have him ignore the food as you pass on a Let's Go, then stop (he sits) and give him an "OK" let him eat for a few seconds, then "Let's go" again. Do the same thing with water.