

## Advanced Class #2

- Activity: Relay Race

### **Command: Side (verbal encouragement only)**

#### Reasons:

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

#### How to teach:

- Give the sit-stay command
- Move so that you are directly in front of the pup with his nose almost touching the front of your leg
- Give the command "Side". Do not pull the puppy into position. Give verbal encouragement if needed.
- When the pup moves parallel to your knees (facing the same direction) he should Sit
- Praise "Good side"
- Release the pup at the end of the command

#### Tips:

- The pup should turn in a circle slightly behind the handler in order to move into the proper position.
- If the pup sits out of position (schlumps), tell him "Side" and take one step forward. Praise when he sits in the proper position.

#### Homework:

Practice this command 6 times per day

### **Command: Jump (Verbal encouragement only)**

#### Reasons:

- To teach the puppy to jump onto objects on command
- Graduates may use this command for grooming or to position the dog in a vehicle, on a scale, on a washing machine, etc.

#### How to teach:

- Place the dog in front of a stable object
- Give the command JUMP; if necessary, encourage the puppy onto the object by using a fun, jumpy voice
- Praise the pup when it completes the command
- Give the command "off" to get the pup to jump off

### Tips:

- Some pups may do better if they begin with a shorter object. Try teaching on a chair, bench, etc. Then move a chair in front of a higher table and have the pup do the “jump” command twice.
- Do not let the pups decide when to get off the object. Command them “off” to end the exercise.
- Do not repeat the command

### Homework:

- Practice JUMP command 3-5 times a day on different objects
- Vary the waiting time that the pup stays on the object. Have the pup do another command (sit, down, stand) before they do an “off”

### **Command: Visit (lure, cue)**

Note: A lure is the promise of a reward, something that entices the pup to do as you ask. A bribe is a lure gone bad. If a pup waits to complete a command until she sees you have a treat, you are bribing, not luring your pup. If you find that you MUST use food in order to get that pup to perform a command, you can bet you have slipped from using lures, to using bribes. Once a pup is motivated to do a behavior, stop luring him and only reward him.

### Reason:

- To teach the pup to place his chin on a person’s lap.
- Graduates may use this command to dress the dog, to give retrieved items, for grooming, or for petting.

### How to teach:

- Sit in a chair with the pup in front of you
- Use your hand as a target to encourage the pup towards you
- The pup should place his chin on your lap
- Praise !!! Good visit
- Give release command
- If the pup does not place his chin on your lap, help him by gently guiding or scratching under the chin. Do not drag the pup’s head to your lap.

### Tips:

- Build for time as the pup begins to understand the command
- Praise and reward should be given while the pup is in position (not after the release command)

### Homework:

Practice 6 times per day. Increase the time to a goal of a 1 minute second “Visit”

### **Command: Stand (for grooming)**

Reason:

- To teach the pup to hold a firm stand stay while being groomed and handled

How to teach:

- Give the STAND command
- Pet the pup all over his body (adjust activity to suit the pups level of competence)
- Praise when the pup stays, correct the pup for breaking a stand. Start slowly and build for time.
- Tell the pup “RELEASE” when the exercise is complete

Tips:

- The pup should move from a SIT to a STAND without walking forward
- If the pup cannot Stand while you groom him, revert to handling practice and practice Stand while grooming at home.
- Reward and praise the dog while he is in the STAND position

Homework:

Practice once a day.

### **Command: Heel (from stationary chair)**

Reason:

- To teach pup to move to the HEEL position while the handler is sitting.
- To make sure the pup will do the HEEL command when the handler is in the more subordinate seated position

How to teach:

- Sit in a chair and place the pup in front of you
- Give the HEEL command and use the leash as a lure if necessary. Do not drag the pup into position.
- Correct the pup if it does not move into position
- Praise once the pup is in position
- Give release command at the end of the exercise

Tips:

- Do not repeat commands
- Sitting while giving commands puts you in a disadvantage; establish your leadership by giving firm calm commands and effective correction when necessary

Homework: Practice HEEL from a chair 6 times per day.