

## ADVANCED #3

### Command: LAP (no cues or lures)

#### Reasons:

- to teach the puppy to place his fore legs on a person's lap
- used to Dress, groom, give retrieved items and for petting

#### How to teach:

- sit in a chair and place the pup in front or to the side of you
- tell the pup "LAP"
- Praise

#### Tips:

- build for time as the puppy begins to understand the command
- rewards should be given WHILE the pup is in position (not after the Release command)

#### Homework:

- practice the LAP command as described above 6 times per day; increase the Stay in place without petting for 1 minute

### Command: Side

#### Reasons:

- to teach the puppy to Sit in the correct position by the handler's right side
- graduates may use this command when they need the dog on their right side (e.g., opening non-automatic 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:

- begin by giving the Sit command
- move so that you are directly in front of the puppy with his nose almost touching the front of your legs give the Side command when the pup moves parallel to your knees (facing the same direction as you), he should SIT
- praise the puppy and tell him "Good Side"
- Tell the puppy "release" when you finish the Side command or give the Stay command and repeat the above sequence you may also begin teaching this command with the pup diagonal to you, or in a different position (e.g., Sit, Down, Stand, etc.)

#### Tips

- keep sessions short
- the pup should turn a tight circle SLIGHTLY behind the handler in order to move into the proper Side position

- if the puppy Sits out of position, simply tell him “Side” 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 with a lure or by clapping your hands while giving the Side command or walk forward as described in the previous tip

#### Homework

- practice the Side command as described above at least 6 times per day; begin teaching the Side command from different positions as described above

#### Lesson C: Jump (on command)

##### Reason

- to teach the puppy to jump onto objects on command
- objects can be high (within the puppy’s physical capabilities) or low
- used for grooming, physical examinations or to place the dog on a specific object

##### How to teach:

- place the dog in front of a stable table (e.g. grooming table)
- give the Jump command
- if the puppy does not Jump, give a sharp correction upwards and tell him “Don’t”
- praise the puppy when he Jumps
- practice Stand, Down and Sit with the pup on the table

##### Tips

- do not let the puppy decide when he will get off of the object; he must wait for a command
- remember not to repeat commands

##### Homework

- practice the Jump command 3-5 times per day on different objects of varying heights
- practice the Jump command on outings; try to find objects of different heights and textures
- vary the waiting time that the puppy stays on the table so that he does not learn to predict when the Off command will be given

#### Lesson D: Bed

##### Reason

- to teach the pup to lie down on his bed on command
- used at time when the puppy needs to be “out of the way” such as meal times, when guests arrive, etc.
- the pup should stop whatever he is doing, go to his bed and lie down; he is in a Stay until another command is given

##### How to teach:

- place a mat, towel or carpet remnant on the floor

- give the Let's Go command and walk so that the puppy is standing on the mat
- tell the puppy "BedDown"
- when the puppy lies down, tell him "Good Bed"
- if the puppy does not lie down, correct him
- once the puppy lies down on the command "Bed". Repeat the above procedure but stop walking just before you reach the mat
- give the Bed command
- if the puppy does not move ahead to the mat and lie down, tell him "Don't" and correct him into position tell him "Good Bed" when he lies down

#### Tips

- Make this a fun game
- Only give a food reward while the pup is in the BED position
- Pup should be able to go to a bed from any position in a room without being led to the bed by the handler.

#### Homework

- practice the Bed command 3-5 times per day

#### E. Back

##### Reason

- to teach the puppy to back up in a straight line in front of the handler
- used by graduates to maneuver through tight aisles and doorways

##### How to teach:

- set up a long narrow walkway (e.g., place two conference tables on their side approximately one foot apart)
- walk between the two tables with the dog behind you
- give the Wait command when you reach the end of the walkway
- step out of the walkway and turn around to face the dog
- tell the dog "Back" and walk towards him
- if the dog does not move, crowd him back
- the dog should move backwards slowly (not darting to the end of walkway)
- give the Release or Let's Go command when you are finished

#### Homework

practice the Back command 3-5 times per day