



## Intermediate Homework • Week 3

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### Practice Somewhere New

Dogs build reliability in their behaviors as they can start to generalize that they need to perform everywhere. Start finding places you can practice that aren't too distracting at first. If there are people, animals, or other active things happening that's another new element.

Place #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Place #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Place #3 \_\_\_\_\_

### Heel

Continue with your practice, going from Close to Heel and back again. Add recalls at random intervals. Continue Right, About Turn and begin Circle to the Right.

### Stays

If your dog makes a mistake, make a small “uh-oh” noise and help him return to position. Don't reward until you've helped him to be successful, even in a small way. If he makes a mistake more than a couple times, the distraction is too big. Return to a previous step or make the distraction smaller.

### Flip Finish

Lure your dog from front (recall) position to the heel position by going behind your left leg, turning him in towards you and around to face the same direction as you, and having him sit. Your dog should be close to you and aligned with your leg. Have him watch you while you stand up straight.

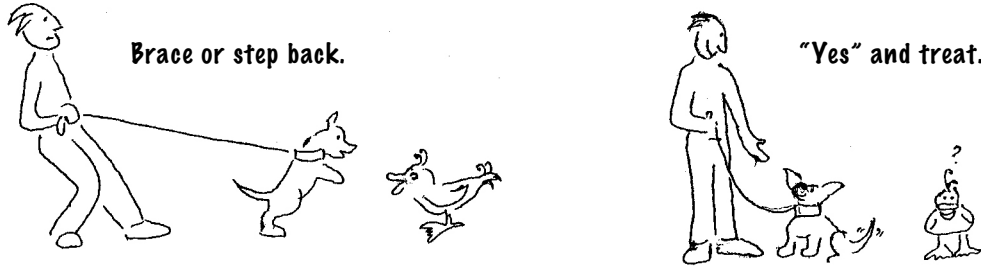


### Recalls – Reminders

- Call for good things.
- Call only when you know he will come.
- Be close enough to ensure it.
- Call many times from the same situation to practice.
- When possible, run away when you call him – he'll come faster.

## Leave It

Go outside without your dog and lay out a few "Leave it" distractions in your normal walking area. This way, you'll know where they are and can be prepared to help your dog do the right thing since you won't be caught off guard. Make at least one of them a thing he can have if he does a good job.



## Go To Place

Use this to give your dog a designated spot to relax and be part of the festivities but out from under foot. It's also great for when going someplace else and have your dog know how to go to place and settle because he has his familiar rug.

This is a place to give him special chewies and do positive physical touch stuff. Use this same rug while you sit in a chair and stand on his leash so you can reinforce his settle.

To get started, put down your place marker (rug or towel). Put a treat on it and let him go get it. Repeat six times. While you're still on a roll, stand and stare at the rug. If he moves to the rug, Yes & treat and drop the treat on the rug. If he stands on the rug, Yes & treat. Move away a step so – he has to walk farther. If he goes and stands on the rug, Jackpot!

Now add the phrase you're going to use and repeat the above last steps. Next withhold the treat until you've lured the dog into a down on the rug. Release him after the down and play. You'll probably have to lure him into a down several times before he will offer a behavior on his own. When he does, Jackpot!

**PHASE 1:**  
Cookie Present



**PHASE 3:**  
Say "Down"



**PHASE 4:**  
"Yes!"



**PHASE 5: Settle**

