

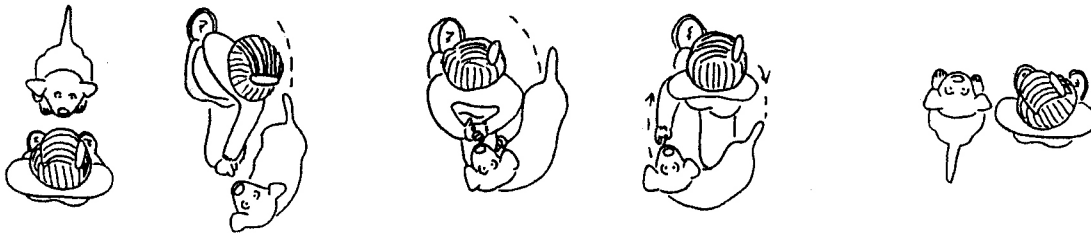


Intermediate Homework • Week 4

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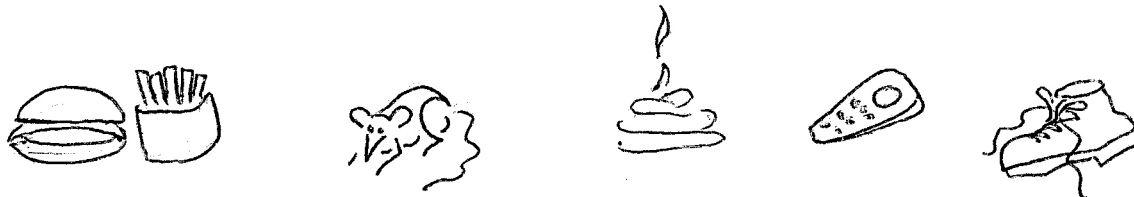
Around Finish

Do your finishes off lead at home in safe areas so you don't have to be encumbered by the leash. In this finish, you lure your dog to your right, around behind your back, to heel position. Have him sit and watch before you Yes & treat and release.



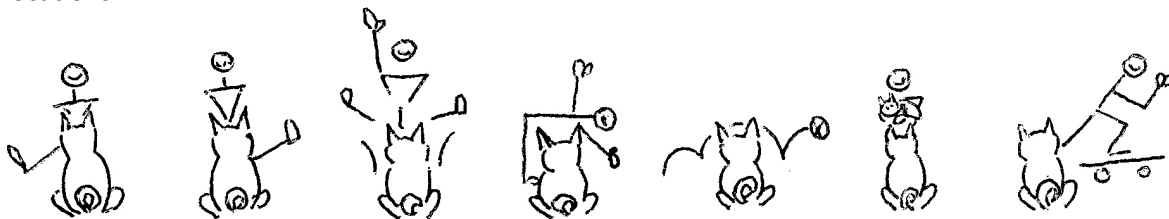
Leave It

While doing close, recalls, heeling. Set up a little grenade field of temptations. Give your dog verbal instructions on how you want her to leave it. (example: "Leave it. Come. Good come. Watch me. Good watch." etc.)



Stays – Distractions

Keep your leash short but loose to stop him in case he gets up. **BUT** the point is to do the distractions in a small enough quantity or degree of temptation that the dog can be successful. Gradually build temptation level. Start getting other people to help with the distractions. Be sure to practice in multiple locations.



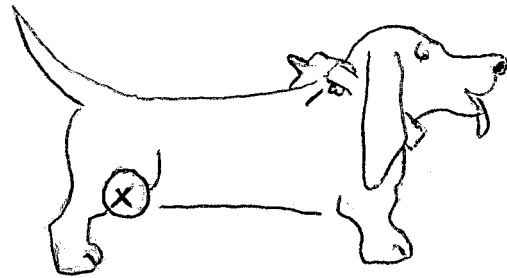
Stays – Distance

Build up your distance a step or two at a time. Stand up straight. Walk away with confidence. Mark "Yes" when she's watching you- at distance. Remember the "yes" happens when you see the right thing, not when you're going to hand her a treat or toss her toy. The "yes" marker is buying you time to make that distance distinctly the right part and not necessarily you coming back to her.



Stand

Hover and touch method with crunchy biscuit. Use a wall. Face him. He faces to your right. Lure your dog to his feet. Give him the lure and put your hand in his collar. Your left hand goes under his belly by his knees. Your hand is palm out against the wall. While he's chewing, praise quietly. Release him just as he swallows. This is Stage One.



Stage two adds you petting over and under with your left hand-right hand still in his collar as he chews his biscuit.

Go To Place

Continue from last week's homework until you can start farther and farther away from different areas of the house and he can still run to his rug and down. Remember you can use this technique to teach him the name of lots of places in the house.

Spend time with him there settling him down by calmly petting and/ or giving him a special chewy. If he leaves, bring him back and ignore him until he relaxes a little longer. Don't make it unbearable. Release while he's calm. Do this every day.

