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Week Four Homework—Beginning Life Skills

This week, your homework is going to be determined by you!

In this class, we have worked on attention (auto check-in), name response, go to your mat, sit, down, beginning come and beginning heelwork. Think about what your dog is doing well with, and think about what exercises you need a little more help with.

We are doing well with:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

For the exercises you are doing well with, take them on the road. Pick 2 or 3 new places to practice. For example, if you usually practice in your kitchen, practice in your backyard and perhaps a quiet location on your walks. Try to practice some as you go through your daily life. Remember that as you make it more difficult for your dog (by working in a new location), make something else a little easier. Expect a shorter sit, for example, or reward more often. Set your dog up for success and having fun with the training.

We need more practice with:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

For those exercises you are struggling with or that you think aren't as strong as you would like, practice at home and go back to basics. Start as if your dog has never done it before and go back through the beginning steps again. Going back to basics is a great way to help build your dog's skill and confidence.

Review your past weeks homework and handouts if you need reminders. You can find your homework assignments at:

<https://www.gooddogsantacruz.com/handouts/>