

Leash Manners and Polite Greetings—Week Four Homework Tracking

Skill to practice	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Let's go/leash pressure new location 5-10 reps, 2-3 sessions							
Pattern training new location 5-10 reps, 2-3 sessions							
Offered attention with distractions 5-10 reps, 2-3 sessions							
Asked for attention with distractions 5-10 reps, 2-3 sessions							
Walk up, say hi, brief pets, call away 5-10 reps, 2-3 sessions							
Free time and circle work, most walks							

Let's go/Leash pressure away from distractions—Let your dog investigate a smell or item—give them plenty of time. Cue “let's go” and move. If your dog doesn't immediately follow, use gentle leash pressure to get them moving. The second you feel a tiny bit of slack, mark yes and reward. Reward with 5-10 pieces of super high value food like chicken.

Pattern training in new locations—choose a pattern such as a circle, square, figure 8 or weave/slalom. Practice walking this pattern in both directions so that your dog learns to move and turn with you as you move. Reinforce for attention, keeping up, and following the turns.

Offered attention with distractions—this is when your dog orients to you without your asking. Do set ups for your distraction practice or work at a distance from real world distractions.

Asked for attention/name game, look, or kissy noise new location—Do set ups for your distraction practice or work at a distance from real world distractions.

Walk up, stop, say hi, brief pets, call away—you will need a helper for this (or you can practice with an invisible helper). Take one-step towards a person, have your dog stop and sit or stand. Your helper walks up and stops 4 to 6 feet away. Reward your dog for holding the sit for up to 15 seconds. Then cue the “go say hi” and “pets,” have the person pet briefly, and call away immediately.