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Week Four Homework—Intermediate Life Skills

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

In this class, we have worked on attention, settling, stay, leave-it, coming when called, and loose-leash walking. 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, increase distractions or take it on the road. Pick 2 or 3 new places or distractions to practice around. For example, if you usually practice at home, head to the beach or park. Play a little, training a little, play again. Try to practice some as you go through your daily life. Remember that as you make things more difficult for your dog (by working in a new location, for example), make something else a little easier. Expect a shorter “stay” at the park, for example, or reward more often. Set your dog up for success and have 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. It will help you move forward faster than if you struggle at every step.

Review your homework and handouts if you need reminders.

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