

Intermediate Life Skills: Week Three Homework

Reading materials are located at <https://www.gooddogsantacruz.com/handouts/>.

Look for drop down specific to your class.

Attention Fix

Coming When Called

Leave It

Stay 1, 2, 3, and 4

Leave it

Continue to practice your Doggy Zen.

Do a 3 to 4 “leave it” courses with low value items. If your dog walks by and leaves the item easily, you can increase the value of one or two items. Look for 100 percent success—train, don’t test!

Heelwork

This week, take at least three walks where you practice your skills on the walk. Get your dog into position with the “fall in”, walk a few steps and mark and reward. Praise for your dog being in the right position, but mark with click or yes when he orients to you. Be generous! Walk for 10 to 30 feet, then release your dog to “go sniff.”

Attention

Continue to pay attention and catch your dog in the act of checking in with you—everywhere, all the time. Keep moving through the attention fix handout.

Coming when called

This week, continue to practice in 3 to 4 different places (the same spots as last week). But this time, include some of your level one distractions. At home, set up level two distractions for your dog to run past. If your dog can’t run past them, they may actually be a higher distraction. Always use high value rewards for recall exercises.

Be sure to now include your end behavior in your recall practices. If your dog is having trouble with this, keep practicing separately, using play, running, chasing or high value treats as rewards.

Practice your stationary behaviors: Sit and down

This week, practice with your body in different positions—sitting, at your side, etc.

Practice stay

Continue working a stay with both sit and down. This week, practice in 3 to 4 new locations, using the same exercises as you did last week.

Mat practice

This week look for building your dog’s desire to be on the mat with the relaxation protocol exercises we did in class.

Please email or call if you have any questions!