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Intermediate Life Skills: Week Two Homework

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Reading materials are located at https://www.gooddogsantacruz.com/handouts/. Look for your class name for the page specific to your class.
Attention Fix; **Coming When Called**; **Leave It; Stay 1, 2, 3, 4,**

Attention. Keep going with the "Attention Fix" exercises. This week, please do days three and four.

Leave it. This week, add the word "leave it" or "quit" right before you bring out your hand. Look for speedy responses and eye contact.

Coming when called. If you did not do the classical conditioning of the word "come" from last week—you MUST do it this week.

Fill out the list of distractions, rewards and places you can practice on the last pages of the handout. Rank the distractions from 1 to 10, with 10 being the most difficult.

- At home, set up easy level one distractions for your dog to run past. If your dog can't run past them, they may actually be a higher distraction. Think about what level of reward you need.
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  In separate practice sessions with no distractions, work on the "end behavior" where your dog comes and sits in front of you, you touch the collar, then "yes" and reward.

Practice speedy responses on your stationary behaviors: Sit and down
Use high value rewards for this: treats, tug or play
- Build speed by rewarding all of the successful behaviors; then start looking for the faster responses; reward only the fastest 80% of responses.
- Move between sit-down-(and if your dog knows it) stand

Practice stay. Now that your dog can stay for 15 to 30 seconds, begin to add in a little distance. See Stay 2 handout if you need some reminders.

Practice your heelwork
- Build enthusiasm for the position—heel, one-step, click, treat/tug; then two steps; then three steps with a turn—reward with a treat or a toy toss. Keep building the difficulty while making sure your dog is having fun!

Play—Tug-Sit-Tug Game

Please email or call if you have any questions!