



Diamonds in the Ruff

Beginner Class

Week #1

TREATS...

- In this class you can use as many treats as possible but trust me the next class totally different ball game
- Describe continual, random and differential rewards schedules and the difference between a pop machine and a slot machine

PARK IT OR BLANKET

Pass or Fail: Does your dog know to be on his or her blanket, when not working???

TREAT BAG

Pass or Fail: Do you have one and are you using it???

HAND FEEDING Part 1-2-3-4-5

Pass or Fail: Can you show

- Ez and Wait?
- Sit, Down and Watch me with Thank you and All Done?

- Turn Around Game?
- On and Off couches or beds? (if allowed)
- In and out of crate or one
- Off their Park it Mat?

50 FIRST DATES

Pass or Fail: Where did you go and how many people did you meet????

CRADLE AND MESSAGE

Pass or Fail: Will your dog allow you to touch and message (all while the dog is calm)

- Tail
- Feet
- Ears
- Mouth/teeth
- Belly

NEG MARKS

- The use of the word No or Nope
- It is about trying again not stopping behavior
- One teaches the other simply freezes behavior

Pass or Fail: Can you use it with a calm firm voice and get the dogs attention? Does the dog offer an alternative behavior???

LURE VS REWARD

Pass or Fail:

- Are you using an empty hand to signal?
- Are you using pocket or treat bag?
- Is the dog waiting patiently in position while getting reward?
- Next week no food in the hand that is giving signals

Hand Signals Vs Words...

- Difference between the two, which is easier and why
- Better be able to get both to work independently of each other

Week 2

STAND/TOUCH

Pass or Fail: Does the dog touch your hand on command and redirect attention to you????

CHIN

Pass or Fail: Will your dog place their muzzle in your hand on command and redirect attention to you???

ONE PERSON RECALL

Pass or Fail: Will your dog do the following behavior chain:

- SMELL TREAT
- PUT AWAY TREAT
- SIT
- BACK UP 2 STEPS
- CALL DOG
- SIT
- REWARD

DOWN WITH A SETTLE

- Pass or Fail: Does the dog do a down or command with a settle???

DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON ME, WITH STEPS AND LEASH

Pass or Fail: Can you walk all around the room and have the dog come front and sit at each stop???

STAY

Pass or Fail: Can your dog do a 15 second stay in a Sit, Down and Watch Me???. Does the dog understand the Release Word?

No Food in Hand

Next Week (BRING TOY FROM HOME)

Problem Behaviors at Home???

Week 3

No food in hand, stop Luring/bribing and only rewards are allowed!!!

PUPPY PUSH UPS

Pass or Fail: Can your dog do multiple sets of the behavior chain Down-Sit-Down???

PUPPY JUMPING JACKS

Pass or Fail: Can your dog do multiple sets of the behavior chain Down-Touch-Down???

THE NECK STRETCH

Pass or Fail: Can your dog do multiple sets of the behavior chain Chin-Watch Me-Chin???

LEARN TO TRADE (WITH FETCH AND TUG) THIS ONE YOU HAVE TO PRACTICE AT HOME!!!

Pass or Fail: Will the dog trade items, play tug or fetch the right way???. Does your dog Trade items or Run 😊 Running can lead to guarding and guarding can led to snapping or biting 😞

- Please
- Wait
- Take (Throw)
- Drop (Trade)
- Repeat

PING PONG, 2 PEOPLE

Pass or Fail: Will the dog ping pong between 2 people, sit, allow collar grab.... In the backyard

TAKE A NAP

Pass or Fail: Will your dog lie down, settle and then do take a nap (head resting on ground, dog on their side???)

STANDING CRADLE AND MESSAGE

Pass or Fail: Will the dog do a standing “Cradle and Message” or Examination???

- Tail
- Mouth
- Ears
- Feet
- Belly

Problem Behaviors at Home???

Week 4

5 POSITION BEHAVIOR CHAINS (ANY ORDER SIT DOWN WATCHME TOUCH AND CHIN)

Pass or Fail: Be able to do 5 commands for just one treat. If the dog makes a mistake calmly negative mark the incorrect choice. Got to another of the five command Positively Mark and then revisit the incorrect choice. The goal is to teach not correct 😊

FRONT, SIDE (right) AND HEEL (left)

Pass or Fail: Does the dog know all three commands (separately)

THE DOOR AND WAIT...

Pass or Fail: Will the dog wait patiently to be invited through the door??? Can be in a sit, down or stand...

FIGURE 8'S

Pass or Fail: Does the dog understand the idea of inside and outside turns???

Do each command below from a sitting in a chair position with a 10 second stay, then stand up, walk around your chair, sit back down, do another 10second stay and release the dog

- **Sit**
- **Down**
- **Watch Me**

LEAVE IT

Pass or Fail: Will your dog not only leave the treat alone will they move away from the leave it???

Roll Over

Problem Behaviors at Home???

Week 5

Sit with a Circle... Talk about in-out -up and down but goal is simply to be able to do a 6 foot circle around the dog, but might have to work from a treat on the nose standpoint for a while

Pass or fail: Can the dog stay in a command while you walk a six foot circle around them?

Leave it with Cone Toppers....

3Pt Place Front: Right and Left but know add the behavior chain of sit, down and watch me to each position... Must be able to do different versions of the chain....

30 SECOND STAYS DURATION ONLY (SIT, DOWN AND WATCH ME)

Pass or Fail: Will your dog do 30 second duration stays with Sit, Down and Watch Me???

Problem Behaviors at Home???

Work from a chair: With 5 position behavior chains, again after each chain say stay and do a circle around the chair. Then do the same but circle around dog as well....

Week 6

DO 3 POSITION BEHAVIOR CHAIN USING ONLY **VERBAL** COMMANDS?

(SIT, DOWN, WATCH ME)

Pass or Fail: Hands behind back only words????

DO WITH ONLY **HAND** SIGNALS 3 DIFFERENT CHAINS

(SIT, DOWN, WATCH ME)

Pass or Fail: Can your Dog do these commands with just hand signals without saying a word???

TRIANGLE GAME: Combo of many skills but my suggestion is practicing at home with the food bowl, then moving to a treat.

Pass or Fail: Will the dog allow you to create a triangle with them, the treat and you and do a recall to you before being released to the treat?

WAIT ON PAW WITH RELEASE

Pass or Fail: Will your dog allow you to put a treat on their paw and WAIT to take the treat until released???

SHOW CIRCLE WORK BUT ADD IN-OUT-UP-DOWN AND OVER WITH A DOWN...

Pass or Fail: Will the dog do distraction work during stays plus working only with a down since the stay will be better....

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