



Task List # 6

Here's a list of task goals for the week. We ask you to use a clicker or marker word "yes" to mark the behaviour or effort to perform task/command.

1. Let's Go: Pup moves forward with handler from a still position.

This can be done from a down, sitting, or standing position. This is the cue that you are moving forward or asking dog to keep moving with you.

2. Leave It: Pup leaves/ignores an item, object, or "thing"

Teach at home with a bowl of dog food or treats. Don't get close enough that pup can reach item, but close enough he takes notice. We do a slow brake and hold on the leash and say "Leave it" once and wait for pup to turn and make eye contact. This could take a minute so be patient and have a treat ready. Only repeat "leave it" every 5-10 seconds and wait. As soon as pup looks at you continue walking and "Yes!" or <click> and reward.

3. Fix It: Pup untangles paw from leash.

Start with leash under pup's foot. Lift paw with leash and say "Fix it!" then "Yes!" or <click> and reward. Do this 5-10 times. Repeat again with a lift and lower of the paw and say "Fix it!" and wait for any visual of pup moving paw on his own. As soon as any slight effort is made of paw lift "Yes!" or <click> and reward. Do this 5-10 times. Last, Lift leash then drop it and slide it like you are attempting to slide it out from under paw and say "Fix it!". Again, reward when an effort is made to lift paw. Practice with both front paws.

4. Follow: This is falling back closely behind handler and following through tight spaces.

Practice by walking between objects, furniture, small spaces in stores. Have a handful of treats, show pup's nose and lure to behind you while walking and say "Follow" and reward 5-10 continuous treats as you walk. As pup gets better you can begin using an open palm.

5. Load/Unload: Loading and unloading from car. Pup should always "wait" when door is open before being released out of vehicle.

If pup is able to jump, the fastest way to teach this command is have pup sit and wait at a jumpable entry distance from door/gate/entry point. Toss a treat in when ready and say "load". When exiting pup should "wait" until released to exit vehicle. "Unload" when ready with leash in hand. If pup is too young to jump out of vehicle, have a treat in hand and ask for "unload" where pup meets you at exit point so you can lift pup out of vehicle and reward right before lifting.