

GRADE 1 – Lesson 2

What we will learn today

1. What it is like for a dog
2. How to get a close heel – straight walking and turns
3. Footwork for left and about turns (building on grade 1)
4. Introduce right turns with footwork
5. Building on the stays – length of time and bullet proofing
6. Manners – being tied up and well behaved
7. Quiz results and prizes

Reminders

- (a) YOU are in control
- (b) You will be patient and calm
- (c) You and your family will be consistent with your messaging and training
- (d) Immediately acknowledge your clever dog with a “Yes!” – IMMEDIATELY
- (e) Immediately tell your dog when it is being less than clever with a firm “Uh oh!”

What it is like for a dog and dog manners – a tie up

1. Into pairs, one is the dog, one is the handler – dog’s dog will be tied up waiting nearby
2. The “handler” is given a task the “dog” must perform, but can only use the word “yes” to indicate that the “dog” has achieved the unspoken task
3. The “dog” will move in all sorts of ways and will only stop when there are clear what they have to do
4. I will tell the “handler” what the action is that is wanted
5. No cheating!
6. Swap around

7. Then discuss what they thought about the exercise and what they got from it (it is hard to know what is wanted without clear instruction; you are looking for the “yes” not only in word, but also in body language; compare how hard this was for us, and how it must be for our dogs, who are wanting to please us)

Exercise 2 – the weave and leave

Exercise 3 – using the D for good heel starts

Exercise 4 – focus, left leg leading, close heel for five steps, reward and praise

Exercise 5 – Introduce the right turn, foot work, method, around the arena

Exercise 6 – introduce the about turn, foot work, method, around the arena

Exercise 7 – sit stay 30 seconds – with one distraction – pine cone, etc

Exercise 8 – down stay 30 seconds – with one distraction – pine cone etc

Exercise 9 – sit stay with recall

Exercise 10 – recall on long lead

Quiz results:

1. ***What must you have with you by law when out and about***
A: leash, registration and poo bags
2. ***At what age must your dog be registered?***
A: three months (you must microchip your dog by the time it is 3 months old)

Winner: