

GRADE 2 – 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

1. YOU are in control
2. You will be patient and calm
3. You and your family will be consistent with your messaging and training
4. Immediately acknowledge your clever dog with a “Yes!” – IMMEDIATELY
5. 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 – hand gestures

1. Have your dog sit with word and hand, then just hand x5
2. Have your dog down with word and hand, then just hand x5
3. Using just hand signals, try to get a sit and stay
4. Using just hand signals, try to get a down and stay
5. Using just hand signals, try to get a sit stay and a come

Purpose – clear messaging is essential – words are important, use them effectively with a firm voice together with hand signals

Exercise 3 – Close heel – initial exercise

1. Dog sits at heel, nice and straight and parallel to the left foot
2. Leash in right hand, lure in left against your left leg at snout height
3. Owner leads off with LEFT foot, with the command “heel”
4. Encourage dog to focus on the lure
5. Walk just 5 steps with dog at close heel, praise and reward
6. Repeat across the length of the arena and back again

Exercise 4 – close heel for right turn and about turn

1. Using the close heel technique above, walk with right turns and about turns for two lengths of the arena or two circuits per turn

Exercise 5 – close heel for left turns

1. Demonstrate with a focus on the footwork
2. 3x around the arena

Exercise 6 – sit stay 1 minute with distractions (pinecone, ball, other dogs)

Exercise 7 – Sit stay and down stays in hoops and mats while teaching gate manners two at a time

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: