



Task List # 8

Use marker word “yes!” when pup has successfully performed task or attempted/came close to completing when teaching. **Remember, when you give a command, wait 3-5 seconds before repeating it.*

1. Block: Pup stands perpendicular behind handler, same as front, but behind to block from behind

Train same as “Front”. Use a wall or furniture to get the correct stance. Stand facing away from wall, show pup treat with arm stretched behind you and lure dog to “Block” and stand with front legs just past feet. When pup stops in the position <click> or “Yes!” and reward and repeat.

2. Careful: If you are coming up to a tricky walking spot (drainage grate, unusual stairs/walking path, something that could cause pup to trip, “Careful” is used to remind them to look down and negotiate whatever could cause a trip/accident to paws or walking”

Find a drainage grate or very odd surface that pup would need to stop, look, inspect, and change direction. We do this walking through the neighborhood along the curb. When approaching storm drain, stop and say “careful”, let them look, sniff, and see it and choose which way to navigate. When they choose a safe route, <click> or “Yes!” and reward.

3. Go Around: Pup has to choose another path to ac

This can be a fun game. It allows pup to use logic and problem solving skills. This can be done a number of ways.

- 1) Have pup sit and watch you place a treat under a piece of furniture out of reach from his current standpoint. Show him and when he cannot reach it and does not immediately try a different route, motion with your arm while saying “Go around!” and show it there is another way. Can also do this atop a coffee table if pup really isn’t getting it.*
- 2) Sit with your feet propped up on a another chair and pup sitting next to you on one side. Place a treat on your other side on sofa/chair and say “Go around!” Don’t let pup jump over, but encourage him to walk around obstacle you have created to get the treat. Build on it!*

4. Hold It: Pup takes item from you and holds it without dropping.

After accomplishing “Take it”, “Hold it” follows. This is easily done standing so pup’s nose stays pointed up and less tempted to auto-drop item. Have treat ready, ask pup to “take it” followed by “hold” and count to 1. <click> and “Yes!” while taking object. This takes time to master so expect to add duration to “hold it” after about a week or two.

5. Under: Pup walks under table and lays down

*This is easy to teach at home when having a meal at the dining table. As long as pup doesn’t have feet or tail hanging out, it’s considered a good “under”. Begin by pulling chairs away from table and luring pup under with a treat saying “under” then <click> or “Yes!” and reward once pup is all the way under. After a few rounds of walking under table, next lure under and move treat hand down for pup’s nose to follow into a down position (**don’t give down command**) then “Tuck” and <click> or “Yes!” when pup falls into a down position and reward.*

6. Tuck: Pup tucks under a chair in reverse

This is useful for tucking out of the way in small offices, dining areas, or places where pup will otherwise be in a walkway. Start in a seated position on the edge of a chair that pup can easily lay under. Lure pup to make a turn in front of your body and face forward, treat hand over their head to have them sit and then down their front and through their legs to encourage them to scoot their bum in reverse under the chair. Click or "yes" and reward once in a down position with bum and body under chair between your legs.

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