

WEEK FOUR Homework

SIT:

Continue your work on fast sits – start working on this with some mild distractions outside

Practice 5 sits – time each one

Take a break

Practice 5 sits – reinforce only the fastest times from the trial above

Practice this in different locations – with distractions – inside/outside etc.

Next week: Fastest Sit Tournament –Outside

GOTCHA:

- Add Gotcha to sits (not during fastest trials though) – work outside distractions

ATTENTION CUE/WHISTLE: Emergency Pay Attention Cue

1. **DISTRACTIONS** - Begin to gradually increase the distraction this week: off toys, when they hear a sound, at 30 feet from a dog, bike, runner, etc. USE distance to minimize the distraction if necessary.
2. **SUPERSTITIOUS BEHAVIORS** – Be sure to work on superstitious behaviors as well: with your back to your dog, standing up, sitting in a chair, sitting on the floor.
3. **FOLLOW WITH A CUE** – The purpose of this cue is to get your dog's attention so you can then follow it up with what you want them to do. Begin to pair this cue with behaviors you have on cue – SIT and DOWN.
4. Say your dog's ATTENTION CUE once in a clear tone. Practice like you will be using this cue, with a tone of voice that sounds like you want his attention.
5. As he turns to look at you, cue him to SIT or DOWN.
6. MARK and **FINE DINE** for 30 seconds.
 - **If your dog does not respond**, say 'too bad' and do something unexpected! Be careful not to repeat your ATTENTION CUE.
 - Strive for **100 error-free** responses this week. Error-free means that your dog looks at you when you use this cue. If your dog doesn't respond to the cue, then it won't count as error-free.
 - In order for this behavior to become a conditioned response, we need to practice often and reward generously!
 - *REMEMBER: ATTENTION CUE is not a recall cue, just a cue to get your dog to check in with you. Your dog doesn't need to give you direct eye contact, just turn his attention to you.*

Decide on a NEW RECALL (word) CUE:

REMINDER: ONLY SAY YOUR CUE 1 TIME!