

The Right Paw

Lesson 1 Notes

Play

The most important thing you can do with your dog right now is play with them! The two main games that you can play are tug and fetch, below are some videos to help you troubleshoot any issues you have during play time. Once your dog will play well in your yard, go play somewhere new!

[Fetch video](#)

[Tug Video](#)

[Victory Lap](#)

[Tug/Fetch Transition](#)

All Done

This is a release cue, use it any time you are done training/playing/relaxing. “All done” means the dog can go off and do their own thing (sniff, chew, etc.). Do not try to fight your dog for their toy once you have said this. If they have the toy and you say “all done”, just start walking away with them while holding their leash until they drop it on their own.

Teach OK

This word means that your dog can stop doing what you asked them to do (sit, look, etc.) and get up and play with you! **LONG LINE ON**

1. Ask your dog to sit.
2. Say “OK”, and step away from your dog, then present food/toy.
3. Encourage them to play WITH YOU for at least a minute! Longer is better!
4. End one of two ways:
 - a. Say “all done” and give them the entire 6ft of leash to sniff around and do their own thing.
 - b. Ask for another sit, then “ok” and play.
5. [Video](#)

Teach “Get it”

This is a game that means the dog can have something you’ve placed on the ground. **LEASH ON**

1. Say “get it” and throw a piece of food.
2. Let your dog run to get it.

3. After they eat the food, call them back to you and repeat!
4. If your dog likes toys, do this with a toy instead of food.

Teach “Good”

This word means that your dog is on the right track, and they should keep doing what they’re doing. It’s very easy to teach! Just say “good” and then hand them a piece of food. We don’t want them to move towards you at all in this exercise, so bring the food to them quickly enough that they don’t have a chance to step towards you.

Teach Eye Contact

Work on this during play time.

1. Play with your dog.
2. Put the food or toy you’re using away, and ask your dog to look at you.
3. If they don’t look at you, give a little tug on the leash, then praise when they look at you.
4. When they look at you, say “OK” and present food/toy to play with.
5. Does your dog sit every time they look at you? Try to get them to look at you while standing or walking!

Sit

Use food to teach your pup to sit.

1. Let the dog sniff food.
2. Say sit, and move food slowly from their nose in a straight line up a few inches.
3. Hold the food up until their butt hits the ground, then say “ok”!
4. Deliver food when they catch you.
5. [Video](#)

Down

Teach your dog to listen to the verbal cue “down”, this step is necessary if you want your dog to listen without the help of food/body cues.

1. Say “down”.
2. Lure your dog into a down.
3. When their elbows hit the ground, say “ok” and encourage them to get up to follow the food.
4. [Video](#)

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