

# SECOND TRAINING LESSON

Repeat and review previous week's exercises – Sit, Sit-Stay, Sit & Accept Praise, Pay Attention.

## HEELING

Hold the leash in your right hand...folded so that there is a loop in the leash down to where it snaps on to the collar. The left hand holds the leash about halfway down to make corrections.

With the dog sitting in Heel position and your leash correctly held, give the command *DOG, HEEL* and step forward – at the same time giving a snap forward on the leash. The leash should be loose as long as the dog is in correct heel position and should be tight **ONLY** when you make a *quick* correction. Talk enthusiastically to your dog as you are walking and correct only when she is out of heel position. **EVERY** correction should be accompanied by **PRAISE!!** When you stop, give the dog the sit command and leash correction to keep her in heel position.

## ABOUT TURNS

With the dog heeling normally beside you, turn to the right so that you have completely reversed directions. Your dog will probably keep on going in the direction you were headed before you turned so you will need to give her very small corrections with the leash to keep her with you. **Praise** while you do those. **DO NOT** stop to wait for the dog. **REMEMBER: PRAISE** must **always** go along with corrections.

## SIT FOR EXAMINATION

With the dog sitting in heel position beside you, give her a *STAY* command. The instructor and her assistants will approach your dog and examine her while she is sitting there. Be prepared to make a correction and use the command *NO* if she moves. The dog must get used to being touched by strangers. When at home, practice this exercise with friends, family, and strangers. The dog is not allowed to move anything but her head and tail.

## GROWLING AND BITING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!

## COME FORE

While heeling with your dog and without warning her, **LOOK** behind you (to make sure there is nothing to trip over) and take a *few* quick steps backwards. Give your dog the command *DOG, COME*. Talk happily to your dog as she comes to you and **praise** her lavishly when she gets to you. Have her sit in front of you.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

Work with your dog every day for at least 20 minutes. Remember to keep your dog's attention on you by using the *WATCH ME* command. Work your dog happily. Your dog will enjoy training more if you enjoy training. Move at a brisk pace while heeling and talk to your dog to keep her interest. Do not pull on the leash to make corrections, use short "pops" accompanied with lots of **praise!**

## MISTAKES MOST COMMONLY MADE

Here is a list of the mistakes most commonly made.  
Examine each carefully and see if you are guilty of one or more of the following:

1. Giving commands without changing the tone of your voice.
2. Corrections not definite.
3. Yelling at your dog.
4. Becoming angry and taking it out on your dog.
5. Repeating a command for no apparent reason.
6. Saying your dog's name and causing him to break the STAY.
7. Failure to concentrate on you dog and anticipate how he will react.
8. Permitting your dog to lag, instead of enticing him to speed up.
9. Pulling your dog into the about-turns rather than making appropriate and authoritative corrections.
10. Failure to talk to your dog enthusiastically while working.
11. Grabbing at your dog and hovering over him.
12. Making a STAY correction while standing six feet away.
13. Incorrect timing of the command with the correction and the correction with praise.
14. Not walking in a straight line, hesitating on the turns and stepping into the dog on halts.
15. Giving indistinct commands.
16. Nagging the dog.
17. Wagging the finger and pointing at your dog on the stays.
18. Neglecting to review the previous lessons to keep the training progressive.
19. Using the same "pattern" or "routine" so the dog gets bored and works mechanically.
20. TOO LITTLE PRAISE!!
21. Failure to give your dog credit when he uses intelligence.

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**A WORD ABOUT CORRECTIONS:** A correction should never be thought of as a punishment and it certainly should not be used as punishment. A correction is a training tool and should be used in the same manner as a mother would spank her baby's hand when it reaches for something it shouldn't have...or that will injure. Obedience correction serves the same purpose.

**A WORD ABOUT PRAISE:** Properly timed and administered, praise shows your dog when he has done right – pleased you.