



Advanced Class Five

Advanced Stay Part Three

The last part of our advanced stay behavior is simply putting it all together and working on your dog's endurance. At this point, your dog should be comfortable with you telling them to stay and going to stand in an open door for 30 seconds. Here is how the entire behavior should look:

- Put your dog into a "stay"
- Walk to the door, repeat the "stay" cue with hand signal
- Open the door and walk outside
- Hide out of view from your dog for 30 seconds
- **Calmly** walk back inside and approach your dog
- **Reward!!**

Reacting To Other Dogs

How your dog reacts to other dogs is very important. We want them to be happy and relaxed, but we also don't want them to be rude to the other animals who may not appreciate their personal bubble being violated. We will be practicing approaching other dogs and the proper manners expected of us during this time. To practice this at home, you'll need a second person with their own dog.

- Put your dog into the heel cue
- Walk towards your helper who is standing still with their dog sitting beside them
- Pause in front of your helper, put your dog into a sit/stay and shake your helper's hand Your dog should sit politely, not jump or try to pull towards the other dog. Showing interest is allowed, but your pet cannot be rude about it. If your dog pulls or disobeys the cues given, turn around, make a big circle and try the approach again.

Eventually, you can begin having your helper walk towards you instead of standing still. The additional motion may excite your dog, so take it slowly.