



# ADVANCED STAY

## Before You Begin:

You have survived beginner behaviors and now you're ready for something harder. Welcome to Advanced behaviors! In these, your dog will be pushed hard to behave during distractions (some of which are very, very distracting!). Many of our commands have been broken up into multiple parts to make it easier for our owners and dogs to learn and enjoy themselves during the training sessions.

The advanced behaviors we will be learning can be frustrating to both dog and owner, so if you find yourself getting frustrated, please **do yourself a favor and end the training session with something simple**, like sit. Ending a session on a good note will make you feel better and encourage your dog as well. By this point, your dog should be well versed in basic commands and willing to respond to them quickly without always needing a treat for their efforts.

## Stay - Advanced

Your dog is already capable of staying in place. In the advanced form of stay, we will begin making it more difficult for you and your dog. To do this technique, you will need to use a corner or a doorway in your house

- Position your dog near the wall or doorframe you will be using
- Give your dog the sit or down command and tell them to stay
- Take one step back so that you are near the edge of the wall or doorframe
- Enforce your stay command before stepping to the side and going out of sight of your dog
- Count to 1 and return to your dog's view
- Approach your dog and reward them for the good stay

Many dogs are very upset when their owners disappear out of their sight and will get up to find you. If your dog does this, place them on their leash and have somebody hold them while you place them into the stay and practice.

As you practice this and your dog becomes more comfortable with the short amount of time, you can begin adding a few more seconds to your count. **Do not make your dog wait for longer and longer periods of time. Make sure to change up the amount of time your dog waits for you before you return to them.**