

# Beyond Beginner Lesson Plan

## Class One

- Re-introduce the clicker
- Teach Stand
  - Use the “Down” signal to get the dogs to lay down
  - Put the treat at the dog’s nose and draw back into a stand
- Leash walking with cones
  - Go outside, have the dogs walk in a circle around the fence line
  - Set up 4 rows of cones, at least 8, with 6-7 feet between each one
  - Have the owners slowly weave through the cones and get the dog to focus on them
- Back inside
- Stay
  - Indoors – add distance and practice turning your back to your dog, do the clock practice
  - Outdoors – begin with time and then slowly add distance
- Introduce challenge game: Does your dog know sit? Tell them to bring back the completed game sheet for a chance at a prize
- Homework

## Class Two

- Ask everyone how their week of practice went
- See who got the furthest on the challenge game, give prize of collapsible bowl to highest score
- Leash walking with a friend
  - Pair up the teams, two dogs per team
  - Go outside, set them up with 10 feet between each team member
  - If dogs do good, owners can move closer slowly
- Door Manners
  - Dogs each should get a chance at practicing with a door
  - Put dogs into sit, tell them to wait, each for the knob
  - Open the door slowly, if dog stays seated, keep opening
  - If dog does not stay seated, close door and try again
- Back up
  - Dog stands, facing owner
  - Make gesture, step towards the dog
  - When dog backs up, click and reward

## Class Three

- Cues at a distance
  - Step away from the dog, use sit cue with hand signal
- Touch
- Go outside for an obstacle course!
  - Weaving cones, PVC Pipes to “back up” through, short jumps, flat table for sit/down
- Musical Sits to finish the course