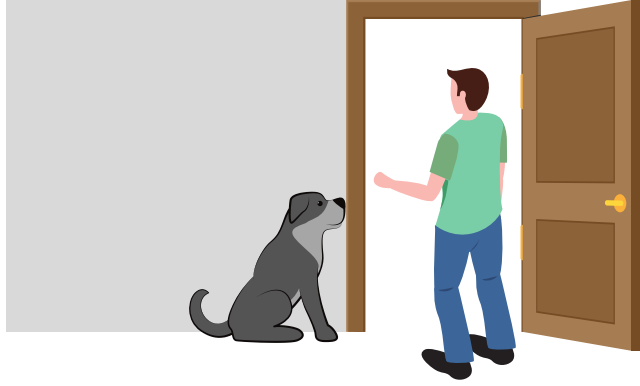










ADVANCED STAY

PART ONE

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 cue and tell them to stay
-  Take one step back so that you are near the edge of the wall or doorframe
-  Enforce your stay cue 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.

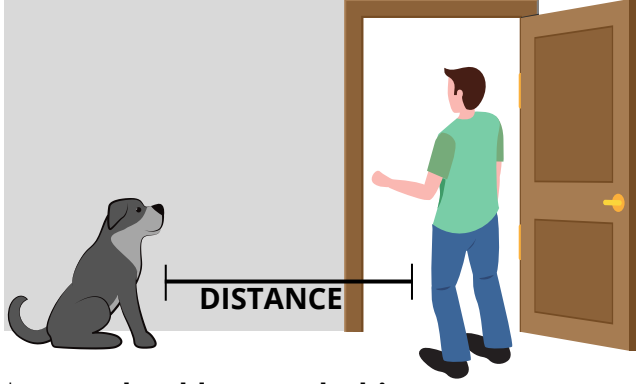
As you practice this and your dog becomes more comfortable with the short amount of time, you can begin adding a few more seconds to your count. **Do not make your dog wait for longer and longer periods of time.** Make sure to change up the amount of time your dog waits for you before you return to them.









ADVANCED STAY

PART TWO

Now that you've been getting your dog used to you disappearing from their sight around a corner, we are going to work on putting it together! Our goal is for you to be able to tell your dog to stay and you should be able to turn around and walk out the door. Just like everything else, **we should not rush this process.**



-  Place your dog into a "sit" stay or a "down" stay
-  Tell your dog to stay and begin walking away from your dog towards the door
 -  If your dog begins getting wiggly, come back to them as quickly as you can or use your release word
-  Slowly begin opening the door, you may reinforce the "stay" cue with your dog
 -  If your dog begins getting wiggly, close the door and start again
-  Open the door all the way, tell your dog to "stay" and then return to your dog

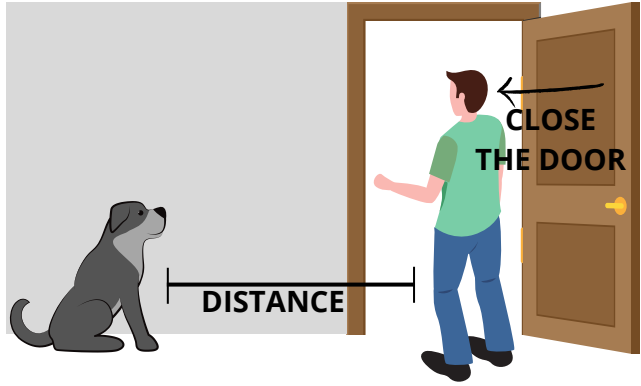
We want your dog to be comfortable with the stay as the door is opened. The goal for part two is for you to be able to stand in an open door for 30 seconds while your dog maintains their "stay" from 10-15 feet away.









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!!**