



Beginner Class Six

CONGRATULATIONS!

You and your dog have built an amazing foundation together. Now it's time to keep growing, practicing, and having fun!

YOUR DOG HAS LEARNED

- Loose leash walking
- Sit
- Down
- Stay
- Come
- Leave it
- Drop it
- Polite greetings
- Engagement skills
- Confidence building



Training is a journey — not a finish line

Every practice session helps build stronger communication and trust

Progress Is NOT Always Perfect

Some days will feel easy. Some days will feel messy. That is completely normal.



Dogs Learn Through

- Repetition
- Consistency
- Clear communication
- Reinforcement
- Practice in many environments

*Keep showing up and practicing
Small improvements add up quickly*

REWARDS & MOTIVATION

Rewards are still important - Even for well trained dogs!

We simply begin varying rewards as behaviors become stronger

Rewards Help:

- Strengthen behavior
- Maintain motivation
- Build engagement
- Make training enjoyable

Social Reward Examples:

- Praise
- Petting
- Excitement
- Happy Tone of Voice

Life Reward Examples:

- Sniffing
- Play
- Going Outside
- Greeting People
- Chasing Toys
- Having Freedom To Explore

Food Reward Examples:

- Training Treats - try mixing several different flavors
- Freeze Dried Treats - Beef Liver, Minnows, Salmon, Lung, etc.
- Shredded Cheese
- Shredded Boiled Chicken



TRAINER'S TIP

As your dog improves:

Reward unpredictably
Reward excellent or quick responses heavily
Continue rewarding difficult situations

As an example, change between:

1 Treat
3 Treats
Praise + Play

This keeps training exciting and motivating

Important Reminder

Never stop rewarding

COME

it should always feel
valuable and exciting



CONTINUING TRAINING SUCCESS

Keep Sessions Short

3-10 minutes is often enough

Several short sessions work better than one long frustrating session

Practice In Different Places

Dogs do not generalize behaviors automatically. A dog who sits perfectly in your kitchen may struggle at the park

Practice gradually in:

- Front yard
- Sidewalks
- Parks
- Pet-friendly stores
- Busy, distracting public locations

Prevent Repeating Bad Habits

Behaviors that get repeated become stronger

Manage situations before mistakes happen

Examples:

- If your dog is overly excited, add distance until they calm and settle
- Use your leash - even inside your home
- Know your dog's triggers so you can redirect your dog before they become triggered
- Avoid environments that are overwhelming to your dog, work up slowly



DOG CHOOSES TRAINER OVER THE DISTRACTION...



AMAZING THINGS HAPPEN!



GOOD CHOICE!



AMAZING DOG!

Your relationship matters more than perfection

Celebrate effort and enjoy learning with your dog!

MENTAL ENRICHMENT

Training is only one piece of a happy dog

Dogs also benefit from:

- ✓ Sniff Walks
- ✓ Puzzle Toys
- ✓ Chewing
- ✓ Play Time
- ✓ Lick Toys



SNIFFING



Sniffing is natural, calming, and mentally satisfying.



LICK MAT



Great for slowing down mealtime and providing calm, focused fun.



PUZZLE TOY



Puzzles build confidence, problem-solving skills, and mental strength.



TRAINING GAME



Training games strengthen communication, build bonds, and make learning a blast!

WHAT'S NEXT?

Keep Building Skills

Your dog now has a strong beginner foundation. The next step is building:

- ✓ Reliability
- ✓ Focus around distractions
- ✓ Confidence in public
- ✓ Stronger engagement with you

KEEP TRAINING WITH US

The dogs who continue training often make the biggest long-term improvements

Training is not about perfection. It's about building communication, confidence, and lifelong skills

We would love to continue helping you and your dog succeed!



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From
Awesome **DOG**
ACADEMY

