



Follow Up Notes

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Follow up notes for your training session of

- Excellent work on your sit cue. Now that she is performing so well, try issuing the cue from other positions and also continue to add distraction (cue her on walks when there are no distractions...and increase the challenge by slowly working with distractions in your environment such as people approaching. Initially, cue "sit" when people are at a far distance.) You should also be working empty hand, pay with the other hand and also not paying for all sits....just the really good ones.
- For walks, purchase an Easy Walk Harness. We will practice walks in the house and backyard.
- For you "stay" cue....continue working on duration. Also, see attached plan. And also work on your distractions with a toy by using the toy to roll past her...swipe past her, etc. If she breaks, provide input with your "you blew it" marker so that she knows exactly what she did wrong. If she holds, pay immediately. Remember, with behavioral cues, you want to work quickly as this imprints the dogs brain much more effectively.
- Please continue your work with the thunder CD...BIG rewards for each clap of thunder.
- For your drop cue, create a list of items, ascending order based on which ones she likes the most..and start to practice your "exchange" program. Item in her mouth, extend your right hand down to nose level (treat should be high value and strong scent) when she drops the item, pay with the treat. once she is doing this reliably, the add the verbal "Drop" just prior to making the hand motion. Eventually, when you're getting 5 out of 5 reliability, start working with an empty cue hand and pay with the other...HIGH reward.
- Practice you "one offs" (anti- Portuguese Water Dog training) during the day. High value pay for these, especially "drop"
- Please continue your socialization program.

