

Homework: Week One (starting 06/27/22)

For each exercise, count out ten treats and when you run out of treats stop and take a break. The break can be long (hours) or short (5-10 minutes). Then move on to the next exercise.

- Sit:
 - Click whenever her bottom is on the floor, and then treat.
 - Remember the click needs to happen when the behavior is happening (bottom on floor), but the treat can be a few seconds later.
 - Treat far enough away from where she is sitting so she has to get up so you can start again.
 - After ten treats are gone, take a break.
- Leash handling:
 - With the leash attached to her collar touch the leash but do not pick it up.
 - Before she grabs hold of the leash: with your OTHER hand (the hand that isn't touching the leash), click while you are still touching the leash.
 - Give her a treat. We are rewarding her for the absence of playing with the leash.
 - Repeat this, and if you can, gradually pick the leash up off the floor. If at any point she starts to grab it, drop the leash and make the exercise easier (go back to the last step where you were successful).
 - After ten treats are gone, take a break.
- Go Potty:
 - When you think she's ready to go, take her out to her potty pen and set her down.
 - Tell her "Go Potty"
 - When she does, wait until she is almost done and click and treat.
 - Once she seems to be going quickly after you tell her to, remove the pen and take her out to the same spot on leash.
 - Tell her to go potty. She may hesitate at first because you've changed things, but she should figure out that it's the same spot, just no fence. When she goes, click and treat.
 - If she starts to go consistently when you say "Go Potty" while she is on the leash, move about three feet from the spot she is used to going and tell her "Go Potty". When she goes, click and treat. Keep working the same area, but in slightly different places – imagine a border around the area that is about 3 feet wide, and practice inside that border.
- Four on the Floor:
 - When she gets overly excited, click and treat her whenever she has all four paws on the floor.
 - After ten treats are gone, take a break.
- Introducing Leave it:
 - We're not using the words just yet, so don't say anything.
 - Stock your hand with ten treats.
 - Hold your hand still at her eye level.
 - She will try to get the treats.
 - When there is even the smallest pause in her attempts to get the treats:
 - Click
 - Take a treat from the treat hand and give it to her with the other hand several inches away from the treat hand.
 - When you run out of treats, take a break.
- When trying to put a leash on her if she is wiggling, put a tiny dab of peanut butter on the wall and let her lick it while you attach the leash.