K9-101 Dog Behavior

Homework for Week 2 (Mark Plonsky, Ph.D. © 2015-2021 v. 3)

These HWs are designed to supplement in person classes.

They are not required & you don't have to turn them in.

Please bring a 6-foot leash, treat bag, & treats (ex. small pieces of meat or cheese) as well as an interactive toy that doesn't squeak (ex. ball on rope or tug toy).

	DAY OF THE WEEK (write them in)						
BEHAVIORS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sit Position Say "sit" & lure the dog into position. When butt hits the floor, say "good" & give treat. Try for 2 sessions of 2-3 trials per day.							
Down Position Say "down" & lure the dog into position. When both elbows & belly hit the floor, say "good" & give treat. Try for 2 sessions of 2-3 trials per day.							
Heeling Practice having the dog walk at your side. Make believe you need to cross a street. Make left turns, right turns & stops. Try to do this in a location with minimal distractions to make it easier on the dog & yourself. Try for a session most days.							
Eye Contact Say "look" or "watch" or "eyes" & then lure the dog into making eye contact. When it does, say "good" & give treat. Try for 2 sessions of 2-3 trials per day.							
Meet & Greet a Friend Try to do it as we did in class. Have your dog heel with you up to the person (or chair for practice), then have the dog sit at your side so you can greet the person, then go between the dog & person when leaving.							
A Trick Continue working on a trick to show off during the last class.							