

Follow-Up Training Instructions for Cooper

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Training Instruction for: Cooper	
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Review and Progress

Cooper has had 4 Day Training Sessions to teach him to focus on the handler, loose leash walking and turning around and going the other way. The second week we started to add low-level distractions. We will continue reinforce desired behavior and avoid letting him rehearse undesired behavior.

Cooper is showing definite progress in being able to focus on the handler with low level distractions (me standing there with toy or a dog way in the distance) and is getting the hang of doing an about face using the "this way" cue.

You've done really well in understanding that it's important not to go places where there are too many dogs on leash without the ability to stay a good distance from them (Temescal) and also to walk in the middle of the street in the neighborhood to avoid face to face meetings. Great work on knowing that when Cooper gets too distracted or worked up, it's not a good time to try to train him. Great that he is doing well off-leash and is staying a little closer during the off-leash walks and able to break out of group play with using "come on Cooper".

Training Instructions

- 1. Focus and loose leash walking**—Practice loose-leash walking with rewarded check-ins, even when approaching off-leash walking areas or dog parks. **Cue: Let's Go**
- 2. Focus on handler with distance**— Practice the "place" command with Cooper by having him lie on towel in hallway. Step back a couple of steps, count to 5 silently and then walk back to him while he is still laying down and C/T (click/treat). You can then throw a treat behind him to reset him. Each time, you can walk back a little further and eventually sit on couch. Don't make him wait more than 5 seconds – you are only adding distance. If he gets up, go back to previous successful distance or decrease time. **Cue: Place**
- 3. Focus on handler with duration** – After he is doing #2 reliably, you can start to add time in seconds. Step back 2 steps, count to 10 and then reward him. Gradually move back and count to 10. If he gets up, go back to previous successful time period. **Cue: Place**
- 4. Focus on handler with distraction** – Knock loudly on inside of door and have Cooper lay down on the towel using the Place cue. Walk to him while he is still laying down and C/T. You can then throw another treat to reset him. **Cue: Place**
- 5. From Last Week:** Keep doing the NFF and the This Way about turns.

Remember:

1. *Keep training sessions short – 1-2 times a day for 5-10 minutes.*
2. *Don't let Cooper see the treats. If they are hidden, he is doing them because he knows he will get one, not because he can see it.*
3. *Continue to steer clear of close proximity of other dogs while on leash and now you can use the "This Way" with a treat when you turn away.*
4. *Keep an eye on Cooper's body language so you can anticipate when he might want to react to another dog.*
5. *Use higher value reward on "knock on door" exercise. The more the distraction, the better the reward.*
6. *You can add some mentally stimulating games like "Find it"*