

4-24-20 Obedience Show Novice – Week 5

Please refer to week 1's introduction if you haven't already read it. Also follow Sections I, II, and III from week 1.

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Week 1 – Warmup – Ring Entry – Begin Heeling

Week 2 – Heeling with COP (change of pace) – Sit-Stay – Exit ritual

Week 3 – Heeling (depending on dog's ability) adding turns/rewards – Get Your Leash – Novice Groups

Week 4 - Heeling (depending on dog's ability) reviewing Fast/Slow/Normal – Sit/Stand for Exam – Figure 8

Today: Week 5 – Heeling (depending on dog's ability), Recall, Novice Sit Stay - Get Your Leash, Beginner Novice Sit-Stay

I. Begin with Warmup and Ring Entry (see week 1)

II. Heeling.

Start with a forward, turn, slow, normal, turn Halt/explode!

Do the same thing again but replace slow with fast.

After exploding the second time, go back to where you exploded, get your dog back, and continue heeling, about turn, long leg of heeling, Halt. Explode again.

III. Novice Recall:

Commands for the Recall after judge asks “Are You Ready?”: “Leave Your Dog”, “Call Your Dog”, “Finish”. Then the judge will say “Exercise Finished”. Stay there until you hear the judge say this. Then you can praise your dog.

Note: Your dog must receive an NQ if he's given an additional command and/or signal to stay, if he doesn't come on the first command or signal, if he moves from the place he was left before being called/signaled to come, or if he doesn't sit close enough to you on the recall (you need to be able to touch his head without excessive bending/moving feet).

IV. Beginner Novice Recall:

Same as Novice Recall, except in Scoring. *You can give your dog a second command and/or signal to come.*

Tips: In the recall, you want to practice coming back *occasionally* and not calling your dog every time. Reward for a nice stay on your return. Then leave your dog again.

When you have turned and are facing your dog, making sure your arms are hanging naturally at your sides before turning around. Do not always turn and call your dog immediately. From that, your dog will learn that the turn is the recall and will learn to anticipate. So, wait for a couple of seconds before calling your dog. In a competition ring, the judge may take more than a few seconds to tell you to call your dog, so prepare for this. Prepare by going back to reward after a few seconds too!

V. Novice Sit Stay - Get Your Leash:

Commands for Sit Stay – Get Your Leash after judge asks “Are You Ready?”: “Sit Your Dog”, “Leave Your Dog to get your leash”, and “Back to your dog”. Then the judge will say “Exercise Finished”. Stay there until you hear the judge say this. Then you can praise your dog.

Note: Your dog is given an NQ if he moves a substantial distance away from the place left, if he doesn't remain in the sit position until you return to heel position, or repeatedly barks or whines.

Beginner Novice Sit-Stay:

Commands for the Sit-Stay after judge asks “Are You Ready?”: “Sit your dog”, “Leave your dog”, “Exercise Finished”.

Note: Your dog will be given an NQ if he moves a substantial distance from where he was left during the exercise, if he does not remain in the sit position until your return to heel position, if he repeatedly barks or whines, or if any additional commands or signals are given as you walk around the ring.

Tips: You will sit your dog in a place designated by the judge. The leash remains attached to the dog's collar and will be dropped/placed on the ground between the dog and you *before the exercise begins*. On the order “sit your dog”, you will command and/or signal your dog to sit if he's not already sitting. When the judge commands you to “leave your dog”, you may give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately proceed to walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in a direction the judge indicated. You will then approach your dog from the front and walk around behind dog to heel position. Judge will say “Exercise finished”.

This completes all of the Novice and Beginner Novice Exercises. Next week I'd be happy to take requests from you as to what you'd like next.

Thank you for following me. Please be safe.
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