

CRIEFF DOG CLUB

HELP SHEET ONE

PRACTISE ... little and often, and make training fun for you and your dog

REMEMBER... FIVE KEY STEPS!

- **NAME** – gets your dog's attention
- **COMMAND** – tell dog what you want
- **MARK** – tells your dog, "That's what I want!" (YES)
- **REWARD** – for good behavior – no reward for bad behaviour
- **RELEASE** – your word that tells your dog task is finished (OK or GOOD)

Watch: Build up the 'watch' exercise, by asking dog to watch for longer (e.g. count of 5) or moving and seeing if it will follow you with eyes. Don't expect too much too soon!

Sit, down, stand: Practise asking your dog to sit or lie down, using the five key steps.

Stay: Use the 'SIT' or 'DOWN' command; say 'STAY' and pause for a few seconds, then reward and release. Practise this, by gradually increasing how long dog waits by extending the time between the 'STAY' and when you give it a reward and release. Remember, don't expect too much too soon!

Walking try to keep a loose lead

Dog inspection: Check ears, eyes, teeth and mouth, tummy and tail everyday – make this an enjoyable time for your dog.

Remember – Classes are on the FIRST and THIRD Saturday of each month.