

CRIEFF DOG CLUB

HELP SHEET TWO

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

Walking on Lead: Stand still or change direction when there is tension on the lead. Praise, reward and move forward when the lead is slack. Make walking on the lead fun for you and your dog. Remember, to allow “sniffing” time on walks.

Heel Command: Keep repeating the command when walking and then gradually reduce the number of times you say it. Eventually it will only be said as you move off with your dog.

Watch, Sit, Down, Stand: Practice in as many different places as possible, building up how many distractions are around gradually. Try using your voice only or hand signals only and discover which is most effective for you and your dog.

Stay: Practise in the SIT or DOWN for a very short period of time and only a couple of steps away. When returning to dog stand in front for a few seconds before going to heel and then praise with voice and/ or treat Better to have success over a short distance and a short period of time. Increase time and distance very gradually

Recall: ALWAYS MAKE IT A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE!! - This should be set up as for the STAY. Handler to leave dog using the **WAIT** command and walk away by the RIGHT foot, turn slowly after a few paces and face dog. Only recall dog after counting to at least THREE and using a big happy voice making yourself as big as possible. Practise at different times and **always** praise your dog when it comes to you, even if it's not perfect. Encourage dog to sit in front of you by bringing your hands upwards close to chest height as it reaches you.

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

Tricks: Think about what you might like to try and do as your trick

Tip for the week: ENJOY practising with your dog – it will love the time and attention from you. Titbits and toys are great motivators, ALWAYS praise your dog when it gets things right.

Dogs really do understand facial expressions, so smile

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