



# CRIEFF DOG CLUB

## HELP SHEET THREE

**KEEP PRACTISING!** – remember the key steps: **Name – Command – Mark & Reward – Release**  
*Remember not to repeat the commands unless absolutely necessary*

**Handling and Inspecting your dog** –this should be a daily and enjoyable contact time for you and your dog.

**Walking on Lead:** Keep it relaxed! If you are tense ... so is your dog. Try walking with confidence and keep your voice encouraging. Reward with the occasional treat when your dog is at heel.

**Watch / Sit / Down / Stay:** Continue to practise **in different places** so that your dog will respond in ANY environment. Extend the time for the stay command little by little. You may be able to work towards thirty seconds for a sit-stay and one minute in the down-stay. But, it is ESSENTIAL that you extend the time and distance GRADUALLY.

**Recall:** This is an essential command – lots of practise – in lots of environments – with lots of praise! Don't always keep your dog close to you after a recall otherwise it will learn that recall is the end of fun time. Sometimes, just feel your dog's collar, use your 'Release' word and send your dog off again for some more play.

**REMEMBER**                    "STAY" means you will return to your dog.  
   "WAIT" means you will ask your dog to do something else.

**Meet and Greet** – Get your family, friends and visitors involved! Teach them how to ignore your dog until four paws are on the ground. Then they should gently stroke and reward your dog. "**Off**" is a good word to use when you want a dog not to jump up. (DOWN is a command already used for lying down)

**Tricks:** Keep working on tricks with your dog no matter how simple

**Tip for the week:** Let your dog work at a pace it is happy with, and if struggling, go back to the beginning ... **SUCCESS IS THE KEY!**

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