



Task List # 3

Here's a list of task goals for the week. We encourage you to use a clicker or a "marker word" like "Yes" when teaching tasks.

1. Heel: Pup comes to Left side and stands facing same direction as handler

Step back with your left foot and lure pup in a circle around to your left, then step forward into neutral position and say "heel" and <click> or "yes!" and treat. To repeat and teach, move away from pup and have him follow you back into the same position with the same command each time. When you introduce Heel with the walk, put pup into position, talk to pup while you walk "Yes! Good heel! Good job! Yes!" and treat as long as pup walks in heel position.

2. Wait: Pup stops and waits until next command

This is easiest to start in a "sit" position. Say "wait", step back, return, <click> or "yes!" and reward. Over time you can increase duration and distance from pup, but to have the fastest success, make sure you reward before pup loses patience and moves. This exercise is also good to practice while walking in heel. Hold you treat while talking to pup keeping his attention, say "wait" and stop at the same time <click> or "yes" and reward as soon as pup stops. The "wait" will eventually be worked with recall when "wait" is followed by another command.

3. Stay: Pup stays and does not move.

This is practiced the same as "wait" but pup should never move. Its most successful in a "down" position.

4. Watch Me: Pup makes and holds eye contact with you.

Hold a treat to your nose and say "watch me" <click> or "yes!" and reward. Do this 10 times. The real meaning of the word comes when you hold treat away from you to the side and say "Watch Me". Pup will look at treat and back at you- as soon as he makes eye contact <click> or "yes!" and reward.

5. Manners: We are going to add this to our list of commands. This will be helpful for a person approaching who looks like they want to pet without asking, starts talking or cooing at pup, etc. This is a secret "Leave-it" but will also encourage the offending individual to remember their manners about approaching a service dog team.

**Remember, when you give a command, wait 3-5 seconds before repeating it.*