

Dauphin Dog Training Club

Foundation 1 – Class Outline

Class work includes:

1. Sit, wait / stay, recall to side (left & right)
2. Rewarding your dog -- when and how (from hand or on obstacle). I'll let you know which to use & why.
3. Discuss positive behavior reinforcement using a **Marker** word
 - (i.e., yes, good dog), toy play w/handler, clicker (optional).
 - Dogs learn faster when they immediately understand they did good. Plus it builds confidence!
4. Other words you'll need... **Release, Focus Forward, Go Forward**
5. Body awareness & strange surfaces: fit bone, rubber tubs, planks, ladder, wobble boards, straddling jump bar (forward & backwards), cone & cavaletti games, strange surfaces
 - Discuss shaping principles – break the skill down to small, understandable steps !!
6. Restrained recalls (with assistant); stationery & in motion
 - Focus & Reinforcement zone (RZ) – Pocket pup? Hand focus?
 - Connect w/your dog discussion (eyes / face profile)
7. Hand touch (work on getting distance)
8. Chase game
9. Get it game
10. Driving ahead / targeting (not luring) using food bowl or toy (again – ensure FOCUS); stationery & in motion
11. Intro to table
12. Intro to tunnel (chute base & 10 ft)
13. Impulse control exercises: food games, focus exercises, crate games (assign as homework)

**** All exercises will be taught with the dog on both the right- and left-side of the handler. ****

IMPORTANT NOTE -- Dogs under 1 year of age will not be jumping over 12"

Advancement to Foundation 2 – Instructor Approval Needed

A solid start line stay is a MUST !!

Handler & dog must demonstrate that they can perform above-stated skills with distractions