



AKC STAR Puppy Class Homework — Week 4

Take your puppy somewhere new each week. This will help to socialize your puppy and it will make her able to handle different situations as she gets older. Socialization is important for the first two years of your dog's life.

Exercises to practice

- **Sit For Food Dish, Every Time Your Puppy Eats:** Continue as before.
- **Turn Away Or Step On Leash For Jumping:** Continue as before.
- **Wait At Doors:** Continue as before.
- **Sit, Stay:** Practice short sit-stays by letting your puppy nibble on a treat while she is sitting. Don't let her get up without your release word. Begin to extend the length of time you have her stay before releasing her.
- **Down, Stay:** Practice short down-stays by letting your puppy nibble on a treat while he is lying down. Don't let him get up without your release word. Begin to extend the length of time you have him stay before releasing him.
- **Stand:** Hold a treat just in front of your puppy's nose. Pull it slightly forward and up. When she is standing on all four feet, let her have the treat.
- **Puppy Push-Ups:** Lure your puppy from position to position with a treat. Include sit, down, and stand. Do this as quickly as possible. Name the behavior (say "sit", "down", or "stand") just as he gets into the correct position.
- **Recall:** Practice calling your puppy to you at random times during the day. Always have something good to reward her with. Remember never to call her to do something she won't like, such as clipping her nails. For such things, go get her instead of calling her.
- **Settle For Examination / Grooming. Have Someone Else Examine Your Puppy:** Have someone else check your puppy's ears, teeth, and feet while you hold him.
- **Puppy Heeling For Treats With Turns:** Puppy heeling can also be taught using a food lure. Hold the treat in your left hand, right where you want your puppy's nose to stay, by your left leg pant seam. Talk to your puppy! Holding your leash behind you can help.
- **Work On Your Puppy's Trick:** Continue working on teaching your puppy a trick to show the class. Make sure to use lots of happy praise, treats, play, and whatever your puppy likes best. Remember, we're doing this for fun.
- **Touch / Target Use Clicker - Remember That You Can Use A Clicker For Almost All Of Your Puppy's Training:** Hold your hand out and wait for your puppy to look at it. Click and treat (c/t). After she has done this a couple of times, wait for her to actually touch your hand with her nose, then c/t. Be sure to work on this with both hands, and holding your hand in different places.

Note: A good website for clicker training:
<http://www.shirleychong.com/>