



---

## AKC STAR Puppy Class Homework — Week 5

Train your puppy in at least 3 different places. Dogs learn in a very place-specific way, so they need to know that you expect good behavior everywhere that you go with them.

### Exercises to practice

- **Have Your Dog Sit To Be Petted:** Always have your puppy sit before petting her. Get in the habit of expecting your puppy to do something for you before you do anything for her.
- **Sit-Stay And Down-Stay:** Continue working on your puppy's sit-stay and down-stay. Remember to change only one thing at a time. Either work on a longer stay, or on being a greater distance from your pup. Don't try to change both at once. Be sure to use lots of treats and praise when you get the behavior you're trying to teach.
- **Leave It (On The Floor):** Put a treat on the floor. Hold your puppy's leash so he can not get the treat. As soon as he takes his focus off of the treat, click and give him a treat (not the one from the floor). After he is quickly and consistently looking away from the treat on the floor, begin saying "leave it" as he looks away from it. As he begins to develop more self control, you can loosen the leash a little, and be ready to cover the treat with your foot to keep him from getting it.
- **Practice Recall In Different Places:** Practice calling your puppy in lots of different places: from another room in the house, from somewhere in your yard, from upstairs to downstairs in the house. Practice at a friend's house, or at the pet supply store, or in a park. Be sure that you have a long line on your puppy if you are in an unfenced area. Or have a helper hold your puppy's leash while you go around a corner, out of sight, and have the helper follow with the puppy (still holding the leash) when you call.
- **Puppy Heeling For Treats; Practice Sit When You Halt:** Continue to practice walking your puppy at your left side with a loose leash. Remember that heel position is with your puppy's head or shoulder next to your left pant seam, and facing forward with you. I try to keep my puppy's ear next to my leg as a guide. Begin to practice the sit with a halt. Whenever you stop, use your treat to lure your puppy into a sit. Remember that you can control the angle at which your puppy sits by changing where you hold the treat.
- **Work On Your Puppy's Trick:** Continue working on teaching your puppy a trick to show the class next week. Make sure to use lots of happy praise, treats, play, and whatever your puppy likes best. Remember, we're doing this for FUN.