

HIDDEN VALLEY OBEDIENCE CLUB

BEGINNER II CLASS

WEEK 1

- I. Introductions
 - Identify STAR Candidates (dogs 1 year or less as of first class meeting)
 - Assistant Trainer checks accuracy of Phone #'s & email addresses
- II. Policies, Field Rules & Reminders
- III. Purpose of Class & Schedule
- IV. Equipment – Types of and Proper Handling
- V. Evaluation Pretest
 - Lure vs Rewards
 - Verbal vs Physical Cues
 - Pretest: sit, down, recall, loose leash, leave it
 - Leash Handling
- VI. Problem Areas
 - Repeating Commands
 - Addressing incorrect performance
 - When to Reward
 - When & how to Lure
- VII. 12 Step Handling (See Schedule B)
 - Purpose of
 - Touch Everywhere–
- VIII. Separations - 15 seconds in sight
- IX. Trick – Happy Dog
 - Using Your Voice for Response
- X. Hand out Star & CGC brochures

WEEK 2

- I. Greeting
 - A. Attention Getter
 - B. Solicit Problems/Questions
 - C. Reminder: Set Your Dog Up for Success – Behavior Marker
 - D. Check for Clean-up Bags and Identification (STAR)

WEEK 2 (continued)

- II. Suggested Discussion Topics
 - 1st half of class: Benefits of CGC (STAR)
 - 2nd half of class: #1 Rule in this class - be successful.
Comparing yourself to others.
- III. Separations – 1 minute out of sight
- IV. Dogs Meet the Baby
- V. Puppy Push Ups
- VI. Attention (Watch Me)
- VII. Proofing the Sit Stay
- VIII. Proofing the Down Stay
- IX. Automatic Sit
- X. 12 Step Handling
- XI. Recall at End of Leash
- XII. Loose Leash Walking - 10 Steps

WEEK 3

- I. Greeting
 - A. Attention Getter
 - B. Solicit Problems/Questions
 - C. Reminder: Behavior Markers as a Way to Wean off Food treats
 - D. Get your dog OUT (He's perfect at Home) What places are open to dogs?
 - D. Check for Clean-up Bags (STAR)
- II. Suggested Discussion Topics
 - 1st half of class: Breaking the Stay – Watch for the Signs
 - 2nd half of class: The Value of Tricks – Tricks Next Week
- III. Separations – 1 ½ minutes out of sight
- IV. Meet the Baby with a Sandwich.
- V. Attention (Watch Me) Challenge
 - Importance of Behavior Markers

WEEK 3 (continued)

- VI. Puppy Pushups
- VII. Automatic Sit
- VIII. Recall at 10 Feet
- IX. Puppy Puppy Game
- X. Circle Walking - Reaction to Another Dog
- XI. Loose Leash Walking - Serpentine
- XII. Walk Around Sit Stay Reliability
- XIII. Loose Leash Walking – Right hand turns
- XIV. Loose Leash Walking – Right & About Turns

WEEK 4

- I. Greeting
 - A. Attention Getter
 - B. Solicit Problems/Questions
 - C. Reminder: Set Your Dog Up for Success
 - D. Check for Clean-up Bags and Exercise Plans (STAR)
- II. Suggested Discussion Topics
 - 1st half of class: Training Cycle – It Has Its Ups N Downs
 - 2nd half of class: Be Careful with that Release Word – Anticipation & Timing
- III. Separations – 2 minutes out of sight
- IV. Puppy Pushups
- V.. Walk Around Down Stay Reliability
- VI. Automatic Sit – greeting, petting, light grooming
- VII. Mingling With the Crowd – *posts*
- VIII. Circle Walking – Stop & Greet
- IX. Loose Leash Walking – Left hand turns
- X. Loose_Leash Walking – “L” Pattern

WEEK 4 (continued)

- XI. Recall/Stay Tunnel
 - 1. Stay with Return
 - 2. Stay with Recall

- XII. Trick Performance - Dogs show off

WEEK 5

- I. Greeting
 - A. Attention Getter
 - B. Solicit Problems/Questions
 - C. Reminder: Save the Date for the CGC exam
Sign up for next session – advice on what class to pick next
 - D. Check for Clean-up Bags and Exercise Plans (STAR)

- II. Suggested Discussion Topics
 - 1st half of class: Kids and Dogs – When Meeting in Public – Keeping Kids Safe
 - 2nd half of class: Meeting other dogs on Your Walks (Be aware;change course; use “attention”)

- III. Separations - 2 ½ minutes out of sight

- IV. Automatic Sit - with greeting, petting, ear & feet check

- V. Mingling with the Crowd – Noise Reaction only

- VI. Mingling with the Crowd – mingling with Noise Reaction

- VII. Loose Leash - “the L Pattern”

- VIII. Reaction to Another Dog
 - Round One – passing only
 - Round Two – sit only
 - Round Three – sit and greet

- IX. Stay & Recall - Tunnel
 - Stay & return
 - Recall

- X. Down Stay – with distractions

- XI. Place and Front (if time permits)

WEEK 6

- I. Greeting
 - A. Attention Getter
 - B. Solicit Problems/Questions
 - C. Reminder: Sign up for CGC exam
Distribute practice guide for CGC exam (Schedule C)
 - D. Check for Clean-up Bags and Exercise Plans (STAR)
- II. Suggested Discussion Topics
 - 1st half of class: When Faced with an Aggressive Dog – Protecting Yourself & Your Dog
 - 2nd half of class: What Areas in CGC Do You Have Concerns?
- III. Supervised Separation – 3 minutes out of sight
- IV. No Hands Heeling - Straight Line with Change of Pace
- V. Stays with Distractions - Choice of Sit or Down
- VI. Reaction to *Neutral* Dog - Stop & Greet
- VI. Automatic Sit – with Greeting and Petting
- VIII. Automatic Sits - with Grooming
- IX. Fastest Dog Recall Challenge
- X. Heeling – Figure 8
- XI. Fronts and Place (if time permits)
- XII. Distance Sit (if time permits)

WEEK 7

- I. Greeting
 - A. Attention Getter
 - B. Solicit Problems/Questions
 - C. Reminder: Sign up for CGC exam
 - D. Check for Clean-up Bags and Exercise Plans (STAR)
- II. Suggested Discussion Topics
 - 1st half of class: Luring vs Rewarding vs Random Treating vs Life Rewards
 - 2nd half of class: Staying Safe When Encountering an Aggressive Dog
- III. Mock CGC Exam

WEEK 7 (continued)

- IV. Review of Mock CGC Results
- V. Student Share Tricks
- VI. Switching Sides (if time permits)
- VII. Distribute STAR Applications and Graduation Awards