

**Registration forms must be completed on-line this week to receive priority placement. Go to [www.adog-ga.com](http://www.adog-ga.com) and click "Register". Please give us your feedback via web site.**

**CONTINUE TO WORK ON AND REVIEW THE FOLLOWING EXERCISES**

- Watch for 30 seconds from front and side
- Sit stays and down stays adding distractions and/or longer duration
- On/off switch
- Controlled walking with varied paces, halts and about turns
- Recalls on long lines
- Tricks

Are you remembering to work "play" into your practice routines? Mix it up, play with a favorite toy in between exercises, be full of fun and surprise and your dog's attention will be focused on you.

As is appropriate, add in distractions that are more difficult, slightly longer durations and/or further distances, one at a time. Again, go slowly so that your dog can be successful in what you are asking him to do.

Are you working in different locations? Once your dog is successfully performing an exercise in the kitchen, move into a busier place in your home. Successful? Then move to a quiet place outdoors. Still successful? Try a busier outdoor place. Be ready to back up a few steps your dog is not able to work in a new place or the distractions, duration or distance are too much for him. Move on when he is steadily able to perform the exercise and don't forget to praise.

Try a more variable schedule for rewarding at this point. Give a food reward every other time your dog does something well, then maybe every third or fourth time. Of course, for new exercises, reward more frequently. Keep up with your verbal praise. Always praise verbally before giving a food treat, we want the dog to work for verbal praise only eventually. If your dog has done something terrific or perfectly, jackpot and have a party!

**NEW EXERCISES:**

**WALKING WITH LEASH IN POCKET**

Can your dog walk nicely with you when your leash is tucked into a pocket? Are you using your voice, your body and your treats, if necessary, to keep your dog with you? Do you have his attention? Are you moving swiftly and with purpose? Can he stay with you as you vary your pace, halt and do an about turn? Praise lavishly when he is in position, paying attention and staying with you.

**INTRODUCTION TO CGC EXERCISES**

We will discuss and demonstrate some of the exercises in the CGC class. This may be "Walking through a Crowd", "Meet and Greet", etc. This class will be an option for you to continue to hone your skills.

**THINGS TO DO**

We will discuss play, brain games, mental stimulation for your dog; interactive and pacifier type toys; play options such as tricks, jogging, Frisbee, retrieving a ball, swimming, sledding, cart pulling, etc.; sporting options, AKC trials, community service options. Whatever you choose, the idea is to get out there and have fun with your dog!

**RECALL WITH THE STAY** (Continue working on your stay command and when it is solid, you can try this exercise. Your dog must respond to an informal come and be positively solid on his sit stay.

Your dog is on a sit/stay on a long-line.

- Handler says "Name, come", as your dog moves toward you, back up. When your dog reaches you, reward with either a toy or food from your mouth. Your dog should come briskly.
- Release and play.
- Begin alternating "Name, come" and "Name, stay" teach the dog to listen for the right command.

**Thank you for joining us at ADOG!**

Please feel free send comments or suggestions via our on-line feedback form or email to [train@adog-ga.com](mailto:train@adog-ga.com)

**COMING UP IN WEEK SIX, GAMES, CONTESTS!**



**Books:**

- The Culture Clash, by Jean Donaldson
- How to Speak Dog, by Stanley Coren
- If A Dog's Prayer's Were Answered...Bones Would Rain From the Sky, by Suzanne Clothier
- The Other End of the Leash, by Patricia B. McConnell, Ph.D.  
Also her booklets Leader of the Pack, the Cautious Canine, Feisty Fido, etc.
- On Talking Terms With Dogs: Calming Signals, by Turid Rugaas
- Leader of the Pack, by Nancy Baer and Steve Duno
- Beyond Basic Dog Training, by Diane Bauman
- Teri Arnolds Set of three books for Competition – Heeling and Footwork, Novice and Open, Utility
- Putting Your Best Foot Forward, by Barbara Handler
- Obedience Training For the Small Dog, by Barbara Cecil and Gerianne Darnell
- Don't Shoot the Dog, by Karen Pryor (clicker training)
- Whole Dog Journal magazine also available on-line
- The New Work of Dogs, by Jon Katz
- The Dogs of Bedlam Farm, by Jon Katz
- Getting in TTouch With Your Dog, by Linda Tellington
- Pack of Two, by Caroline Knapp

**Websites:**

- <https://sitstay.com/> (Dog supplies)
- <https://www.petedge.com/> (Grooming supplies, toys, etc.)
- <https://www.max200.com/> (Obedience, agility and flyball equipment, toys and books)
- <https://www.dogwise.com/> (Largest online bookstore for dog related items)
- <https://www.jjdog.com/> (obedience, flyball, agility, tracking and herding supplies)
- <https://frontandfinish.com/> (Obedience training magazine)
- <https://www.akc.org/> (American Kennel Club – lots of good info)
- [www.onofrio.com](http://www.onofrio.com) (Jack Onofrio dog show info)

**Toys:**

- Kongs, braided fleece rope toys, balls, the incredible ball, Buster Cube (fill with treats), Nylabones, Planet Kong toys

**Favorite Pet Stores in Atlanta:**

- The Paw Stand in Chamblee (<https://www.thepawstand.com/>), City Dog Market in Brookhaven, Highland Pets on North Highland Avenue in Virginia Highlands. Lots of good stuff to buy and some offer dog a baths.

**Pet Therapy in Atlanta:**

- [www.happytailspets.org](http://www.happytailspets.org) (Happy Tails Pet Assisted Therapy)