

Teaching A Skill In 5 Simple Steps

4. Practice your

lines:



Nobody learns new habits without lots of practice in lots of different situations. As soon as the second lesson try moving to a different location, even if this “new” location is just a couple feet away!

Where do I want
my dog to do this
new skill?

How can I work
that into practice?

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5. The Big Show:



The temptation once the teaching process is complete is to think that our work is done and now it's the dog's job to "just do it" but behaviors need something to maintain them.

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*What reward(s)
make this behavior
worthwhile to my
dog?*

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*How can I use
Those?*

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1
Identify the baby steps to the skill, plan first, teach second, use third.

2
Set up any helps you will need to get your dog to "do the thing"

3
Click / treat / repeat and then move on to the next baby step.

4
Move to a new spot as soon as your dog is doing that baby step. Don't wait for perfection.

5
Identify rewards to maintain the budding habit / skill. Be a good boss and work hard to make manners fun and worthwhile for your dog.