

Syllabus

Week 1

Lecture/Training Tips: Focal Points – Where are they? What is their importance?

- Teach “Get It” to food worm from front and from the side
- Intro to “Get It” Game using food worms
- Reset Cookies – when and why to use them.
- Using the Platform to Find Front Position (signs #13, 14, 15, 16 and 35)
- Using the Platform to Find Heel Position (while relevant to several sign numbers, heeling is crucial as it is what you do between the signs AND at some of the signs)
- Intro to Moving Attention/Heeling

Week 2

Lecture/Training Tips: Using Your Head as a Turn Signal

- Increasing the Level of Difficulty in Finding Front Position
- Increasing the Level of Difficulty in Finding Heel Position
- Moving Attention/Heeling - Increase Duration and start conditioning right turns for signs 5, 7, 9, 11, 21, 23, 24, 32, 33, 37, 41, 42
- Introduction to Perch
- Introduction to Impulse Control (IYC Old School) – Impulse Control is needed to complete the training in this class, but it is crucial to performance of signs 30, 31 and 35

Week 3

Lecture/Training Tips: The Importance of “Training Clean”

- Advancing the Skill of Finding Front Position
- Advancing the Skill of Finding Heel Position
- Advancing Moving Attention/Heeling
- Advancing Perch
- Intro to Stay (With Dog Facing You)

Week 4

Lecture/Training Tips: How to Start Getting Rid of Cookies from Your Body

- Introduction to Chair Fronts
- Advancing Moving Attention/Heeling

- Introduction to Stationary Attention in Heel Position
- Beginning Perch Rotations, Both Directions. (The counterclockwise rotation is for several signs: # 6, 8, 10, 12, 22, 23, 24, 32, 34, 38, 41, 42)
- Intro to Returns on Stays for sign #35 (also helps with #30 and #31)

Week 5

Lecture/Training Tips: Using Cues Your Dog Will See in a Normal Show Environment to Your Advantage

- Heel Position Challenges
- Handler Pivots into Heel Position
- Advancing Stationary Attention
- Advancing Moving Attention/Heeling to include tuck up sits (tuck up sits are needed in your performance of signs #3, 4, 25, 28, 30, 31, 33, 34, and 36)
- Advancing Fronts
- Advancing Perch Rotations, Both Directions
- Continue Developing Returns on Stays – sign 35

Week 6

Lecture/Training Tips: Importance of consistency in your cues at training and in trialing

- Finding Heel Position
- Advancing Stationary Attention and Combining Skills
- Moving Attention/Heeling Serpentine
- Advancing Moving Attention/Heeling with Tuck Up Sits
- Advancing Fronts – handler footwork for sign #26. NO DOG.
- Finding Front – weaning the platform
- Advancing Perch Rotations, both directions
- Finalize Returns on Stays – sign 35

Week 7

Lecture/Training Tips: Listening to Your Dog for Self-Evaluation

- Advance Finding Heel Position
- Advance Stationary Attention/Heeling and Combine 2 skills
- Advance Moving Attention/Heeling Serpentine

- Intro to Right 180s (for right turns, 360 right, about turns and outside post of F8)
- Moving Attention/Heeling with Halts – footwork for handler on sign #25. NO DOG.
- Advancing Perch Rotations
- Advancing Fronts – handler footwork for sign #26. Add dog.
- Advance Finding Front
- Intro to Sphinx Down

Week 8

Lecture/Training Tips: Importance of Avoiding Drilling

- Advancing Stationary Attention/2 Skill Combination
- Intro to First Step of Heeling Cue
- Right Turns (for right turns, 360 right, about turns and outside post of F8)
- Intro to Speed Changes WITHOUT DOG. (Need skill for signs 17, 18, 28 and 36)
- Intro to Pivoting to side by side on perch rotations both sides
- Advancing Sphinx Down
- Handler Return on Front – perform sign #35
- Handler Return on Sit – perform sign #30

Week 9

Lecture/Training Tips: How to Get Duration on Behaviors, Especially Heeling

- Advance Stationary Attention
- Advance Multiple Lead Moving Attention/Heeling
- Advancing the First Step of Moving Attention/Heeling
- Advancing Side by Side Pivoting on Perches
- Advancing Sphinx Down

Week 10

Lecture/Training Tips: Engagement – When Does Engagement Begin? Where Do People Commonly Lose It? When Should It End?

- Advancing Stationary Attention
- Advancing Moving Attention/Heeling
- Advancing Side by Side Pivoting on Perches
- Advancing Sphinx Down

- Returns on Down – sign 31

Week 11

Lecture/Training Tips: Importance of pre-planning your session

- Advancing Stationary Attention
- Advancing Moving Attention/Heeling
- Advancing Side by Side Pivoting on Perches
- Advancing Sphinx Down
- Intro to Backchaining the Right Finish

Week 12

Lecture/Training Tips: Importance of record keeping so you know what to teach, what to polish and what to maintain.

- Advancing Stationary Attention
- Advancing Moving Attention/Heeling
- Advancing Side by Side Perch Rotation
- Intro to Inside Post of F8 with Perches
- Advance Sphinx Down
- Intro to Left Finish
- Advance Backchaining the Right Finish

Week 13

Lecture/Training Tips: Flashcard Exercise

- Advancing Stationary Attention and Varying Location of Reward
- Advancing Moving Attention/Heeling
- Advancing Side by Side Perch Rotation
- Intro Proper Body Mechanics for Sphinx Down to Sit
- Intro to Sit to Sphinx Down
- Advance Inside Post of Figure 8
- Refresh Outside Post of Figure 8
- Advance Right Finish
- Advance Left Finish

Week 14

Lecture/Training Tips: How to Wean Off Food

- Advancing “In” on Perch
- Speed Changes in Your Heeling WITH DOG
- Advance Right Finish
- Advance Left Finish
- Focus on Left 180 and 360 (signs 8 and 12)
- Focus on Right 180 and 360 (signs 7 and 11)
- Start Sequencing

Week 15

Lecture/Training Tips: Think of Rally as a handler sport. What does that mean?

- Advancing Inside Post of Figure 8
- First step of Moving Attention/Heeling into a fast – sign 28
- First step of Moving Attention/Heeling into a slow – sign 27
- Advance Left Finish
- Intro to Left About Turn (sign #29)
- More Sequencing
- Intro to Side Step Right (sign #20)

Week 16

Lecture/Training Tips: Trialing tips.

- Putting the Figure 8 Together
- Fronts with Finish Right v. Fronts with Finish Right Forward
- Fronts with Finish Left v. Fronts with Finish Left Forward
- Advance Left About Turn (sign #29)
- Using “in” and your head as a turn signal on signs with cones #41, #42, #23, #24, #21, #22.
- Advancing Side Step Right (sign #20)