

AKC Canine Clubs-Community Dogs: Week 7
Skill Building Example

- Skills Practice. (5 min)

- Mock Skill Building Exercise. (30 min)
 - Do a mock exercise of what I will be asking the students to do for the remaining classes.
 - Pick a new skill you want to teach the dog and start to teach the dog the skill.
 - Show the students the intended goal and the steps you think the dog needs to learn to get to that point.
 - Work with the dog in 5 min increments as the students watch.
 - Purposefully make a few handling errors so the students can offer feedback.
 - After 5 min, ask the students to give feedback on what needs to be fixed and what the next steps are that could be taken to help the dog learn the skill.
 - Repeat this 5 min training session with a few minutes of feedback two more times.

- Group discussion for possible ideas of a skill the students want to teach the dog. (10 min)
 - Students brainstorm their ideas. By the end of class, they must all agree on one skill they will begin teaching the dog next class.