

AKC Canine Clubs-Community Dogs: Week 9
Training Skill Practice

- Skills Practice. (5 min)

- Training the designated skill. (37 min)
 - Continuation of last class; the rest of the students can take their turn with the training feedback session.
 - Training sessions are best in about 5 min sessions.
 - Students are arranged in a circle.
 - Each student works with the dog for 5 minutes working on the skill the students have discussed.
 - Student A is working with the dog in the center of the circle.
 - The other students are quiet and watching.
 - After Student A works with the dog for 5 min, the student and dog take a quick break while the other students spend 2 min giving feedback to Student A on his/her training skills, ways to problem solve any obstacles that arise, and next steps.
 - Student A then has a few minutes to practice again with the feedback they have just received.
 - Then the next student takes a turn and we repeat the process for each student.
 - There will be a sheet of guidelines for how to offer constructive feedback and participate in the discussion.
 - As a teacher your role is minimal, simply keeping track of time while the students discuss and problem solve amongst themselves.

- Wrap-up. (3 min)
 - Students tell you what they think the dog still needs to work on before the next class so you can work with the dog at home and prepare him for the final class. Students also know what they need to practice before the final class.