

Treibball Week 4 homework

Next week- Bring

(2) "Sit" targets

(2) Inflated balls

(2) Towels

1. Directional Control-

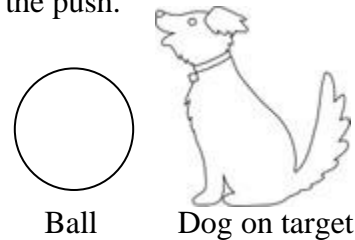
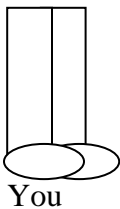
a. Work on your targeting at longer and longer distances. **THIS** is the key to good Treibball movement! You should be able to place the targets (with non-ball objects in front of them) 165' away in a triangle pattern and direct the dog from target to target with hand signals.

b. Be sure the dog is lining up correctly behind the objects. The dog should always be in opposition to where you are standing.

2. Ball work-

Building on the beginner steps practiced last week, you'll be adding distance.

Continue to have the dog go to the target spot after each push. Reposition the ball in front of him and have him wait until you are at the desired distance before you cue the push.



If the dog is NOT pushing the ball directly to you each time, you have rushed the steps- GO BACK to previous training steps! If you continue at this point with sloppy pushes, the behavior will get worse, not better.

The dog needs to remain in the habit/pattern of:

Push ball to handler – go to target spot – wait for cue to push (repeat)

This will help the dog learn to stay straight and reposition on the side of the ball opposite you.

Increasing difficulty:

Removal of the target spots

Once the dog is successful with the above steps, remove the target spot and go back close to the ball to practice getting the dog lined up properly.

Lining up

Practice stepping around the ball clockwise and counterclockwise and reward the dog for adjusting his position accordingly to remain on the opposite side of the ball. This ability/understanding will be critical later.

When the dog is good at moving around the ball while it's stationary, try it after saying push and with the ball moving short distances.

Then as the dog is getting the ball to you, move sideways and see if the dog can re-position correctly to get the ball to you.

Note: If the dog starts to bark at any of the steps of this training, immediately take a break and let the dog calm down. Barking means the end of the fun. It won't take long for the dog to figure out that the way to keep playing the game is to be quiet. You may need to keep yourself low-key to prevent the dog from getting overly excited.