

Treibball Week 5 homework

Next week- Bring
(8) "Sit" targets
(2) Inflated balls
(2) Towels
(We will be sharing equipment)

Continue to practice distance directional controls with non-ball objects

Directional Control with the balls:

Prerequisites: Once the dog is pushing the ball directly to you at a distance of about 15' then going back to his opposition spot, you are ready to progress with this week's homework.

You will be substituting the balls in place of the non-ball objects that had previously been used and working on directional control behind the balls. You're NOT working on pushing for this exercise.

Set-up: Place 2 balls with about 5' between them and a target behind each. Have the balls stabilized with the towel by creating a ring with a rolled up towel the ball will sit in or put the ball on an upside down Frisbee. While you stand close to and positioned between the two balls (like you originally did with the target spots) you'll direct the dog from one target spot to the other behind the balls. Reward when the dog properly changes position as you direct.

If the dog pushes the ball simply re-set the dog without rewarding. You may need to use a "wait" cue when the dog is on the target spot to let the dog know you don't want a push right now.

Increasing difficulty: There are a number of ways to do this...

- Gradually add distance between the balls and gradually increase your distance from the balls. But don't increase both at the same time. Increase one distance and then the other.
- As you practice, sometimes call the dog back to you and then send the dog out to a target behind a ball before starting to move the dog from ball to ball again.
- Also increase the number of moves the dog is expected to do before you deliver the reward or toss a toy reward behind the dog. The rewards should happen with the dog on the target and also when you recall the dog to you. You want both behaviors to be equally strong and rewarding.
- If the dog is doing really well with this, you can add additional balls/targets. Always go back to being close-by when you increase the difficulty!

Goal: You should be able to get about 50' away from the balls/targets before you go on to the next steps. DON'T add pushing the balls till the dog is really solid on the directional

control from ball to ball, the send out, the “wait” on a target spot and can do several moves from ball to ball before needing you to deliver a reward.