BIG DOG RANCH

VETERANS CENTER

STUDENT GUIDE

BIG DOG & Small RANCH RESCUE

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Rescue Codes

Code Yellow (Loose Dog)

- Call "Code Yellow" and location of the loose dog.
- Make sure you have a slip leash on you.
- Follow the dog **DO NOT RUN**.

Code Blue (Medical Emergency)

- Call "Code Blue" and run the dog to medical or find someone who can take the dog to medical.
- Establish communication with medical so they are aware of the situation and dog.
- If other dogs are around secure the area so no further injuries occur.

Code Red (Dog Fight)

- Call Code Red and the location of the fight.
- If assisting, MUST have slip lead, remain calm and listen for instructions

HOW TO CONDUCT A MEDICAL CHECK ON OUR DOGS

Prepare the Dog

- Keep the dog calm and relaxed, using a gentle approach (try not to heavily restrain unless it is needed).

Observe Behavior and Body Language

- Behavioral Changes: Note any signs of increased aggression, withdrawal, or lethargy before the medical check.
- Body Language: Look for indicators of pain or discomfort, such as cowering, excessive licking of certain areas, or reluctance to be touched.

Perform a Visual Inspection from head to tail.

Alert the Medical Team in case of any of these signs:

I. Head and Face
- Eyes – Check for redness, discharge, cloudiness, or squinting.
- Ears – Look for redness, swelling, discharge, or any unusual odor.
- Mouth/Teeth: Examine the teeth for chips, broken pieces, or signs of decay. (Look for Red inflamed gums)

II. Neck and Back
- Run your hands gently along the neck and back watching for any reaction indicating discomfort. (Feel for unusual lumps or bumps)

III. Limbs and Paws
- Check the legs and paws for any visible cuts, punctures, or bruising. Observe the dog's response to touch and look for signs of limping or sensitivity.

IV. Body and Abdomen
- Visually inspect the chest, sides, and abdomen. Look for signs of bruising, skin irritation, rashes or puncture wounds.

V. Tail and Hindquarters
- Check the tail and hindquarters for cuts or signs of irritation. Note if the dog shows sensitivity in this area.

INITIAL TRAINING (1 ON 1)

Objective:

- The Objective of the Initial one on one training is to start building consistent habits between you and your new prospective service dog. These habits will lead to more advanced commands in higher stimulus environments, but it is important to MASTER the basics now.

Preparation:

- Make sure to have the proper tools and homework assignment sheets for each training session prepared prior to attending class. If you don't complete the homework from previous training session a mark will be noted in your record and you will miss that week of training.

INITIAL TRAINING (1 ON 1)

WEEK 1

- Terminal Markers "Yes, uh uh, and no" (good boy or good girl for encouragement)
- Tool Selection- Knowing your tools in dog training is paramount to effective and humane training practices. Proper selection of the needed tools and the precise timing are crucial in keeping the effectiveness of the tool.
- Luring- Luring is a fundamental process in capturing your dog's engagement.
- Leash Walking – Leash walking teaches your dog to follow you.
- Heel- Is a structured walk where your dog stays on your designated side.
- "Free" Walk- Having your dog walk with limited structure.
- Taking a break- Teaching your dog to use the bathroom on command.
- Sit- Teaching your dog to sit
- Down- Teaching your dog to lay down.
- Watch me- Teaching your dog to focus on you.
- Load up- Teaching your dog to get into your car.
- Front – To position your dog in front of you.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 1

Objective:

- The Objective of the homework assignments are to start the mastery of commands.

Preparation:

- Make sure to have the proper tools and treats for each training session.

☐ Training tools are properly fitted (correctly fitted before training begins)
☐ Leash Walking (As often as possible min 3x a day)
☐ Terminal Markers “Yes, uh uh, and no” (good boy or good girl for encouragement) (as often as you are giving new commands)
☐ Luring (5x a day)
☐ Heel (As often as possible min 3x a day)
☐ “Free” Walk (min 3x a day)
☐ Taking a break (min 5x a day)
☐ Sit a (10x a day)
☐ Down (10x a day)
☐ Watch me (10x a day)
☐ Load up (3x a day)
☐ Front (3x a day)

Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 2

- Make sure to practice prior training sessions commands.
- Place command- Teaching your dog to go to a single spot and stay there.
- Leave it command- Teaching your dog to not pay attention or ignore items that may be harmful.
- Make friends command- Teaching your dog to interact with new humans under control.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 2

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Preparation:

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☐ Luring (5x a day)
Heel (As often as possible min 3x a day)
☐ “Free” Walk (min 3x a day)
☐ Taking a break (5x a day)
☐ Sit a (10x a day)
☐ Down (10x a day)
☐ Watch me (10x a day)
☐ Load up (3x a day)
☐ Front (3x a day)
☐ Place (As often as possible min 3x a day)
☐ Leave it (at least 2x a day)
☐ Make friends (1 a day)

Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 3

- Make sure to practice prior training sessions commands.
- Stay- Teaching your dog to remain stationary until given the next command.
- Under- Teaching your dog to go under objects.
- Stand- Teaching your dog to stand for inspection.
- Cover- Teaching your dog the “cover my six” position.
- Up – Teaching your dog to get up onto things.
- Off – Teaching your dog to get off of things.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 3

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Preparation:

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  ☐ Terminal Markers “Yes, uh uh, and no” (good boy or good girl for encouragement) (as often as you are giving new commands)
  ☐ Luring (5x a day)
  ☐ Heel (As often as possible min 3x a day)
  ☐ “Free” Walk (min 3x a day)
  ☐ Taking a break (min 5x a day)
  ☐ Sit a (10x a day)
  ☐ Down (10x a day)
  ☐ Watch me (10x a day)
  ☐ Load up (3x a day)
  ☐ Front (3x a day)
  ☐ Place (As often as possible min 3x a day)
  ☐ Leave it (at least 2x a day)
  ☐ Make friends (1 a day)
  ☐ Cover (10x a day)
  ☐ Up (10x a day)
  ☐ Off (10x a day)
  ☐ Stay (10x a day)
  ☐ Under (10x a day)
  ☐ Stand (10x a day)

Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 4

- Make sure to practice prior training sessions commands.
- Touch- Teaching your dog to touch a marker with their nose.
- Come- Teaching your dog to come back to you reliably.
- Switch - Teaching your dog to heel from the right side.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 4

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☐ Luring (5x a day)
☐ Heel (As often as possible min 3x a day)
☐ “Free” Walk (min 3x a day)
☐ Taking a break (min 5x a day)
☐ Sit a (10x a day)
☐ Down (10x a day)
☐ Watch me (10x a day)
☐ Load up (3x a day)
☐ Front (3x a day)
☐ Place (As often as possible min 3x a day)
☐ Leave it (at least 2x a day)
☐ Make friends (1 a day)
☐ Cover (10x a day)
☐ Up (10x a day)
☐ Off (10x a day)
☐ Touch (10x a day)
☐ Come (6ft leash 3x a day)
☐ Switch (3 x a day)
☐ Stay (10x a day)
☐ Under (10x a day)
☐ Stand (10x a day)

Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 5

- Make sure to practice prior training sessions commands and get ready for graduation into group training. By this time, you should have built the consistency through training and repetition to properly say and mark “Yes, uh uh, no) to all taught commands.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 5

Objective:

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Preparation:

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☐ Luring (5x a day)
☐ Heel (As often as possible min 3x a day)
☐ “Free” Walk (min 3x a day)
☐ Taking a break (min 5x a day)
☐ Sit a (10x a day)
☐ Down (10x a day)
☐ Watch me (10x a day)
☐ Load up (3x a day)
☐ Front (3x a day)
☐ Place (As often as possible min 3x a day)
☐ Leave it (at least 2x a day)
☐ Make friends (1 a day)
☐ Cover (10x a day)
☐ Up (10x a day)
☐ Off (10x a day)
☐ Touch (10x a day)
☐ Come (6ft leash 3x a day)
☐ Switch (3 x a day)
☐ Stay (10x a day)
☐ Under (10x a day)
☐ Stand (10x a day)

Notes for Next Training Session:

RED PHASE (GROUP TRAINING)

Objective:

- The Objective of the Red Phase is to introduce you into the group class setting and practice the mastery of the basic obedience that was taught during the initial 5 lessons.

Preparation:

- Make sure to have the proper tools and homework assignment sheets for each training session prepared prior to attending class.

WEEK 1 (RED PHASE) TRAINING ROOM

- Training tools are properly fitted (correctly fitted before training begins)
- Checking Leash Walking
- Checking properly using Terminal markers
- Checking Luring Techniques
- Checking Heel
- Checking Free Walk
- Checking Take a break
- Checking Sit
- Checking Down
- Checking Watch me
- Checking Front
- Checking Place
- Checking Leave it
- Checking Make friends
- Checking Cover
- Checking Up
- Checking off
- Checking Under
- Checking Touch
- Checking Come
- Checking Switch
- Checking Stay
- Checking Under
- Checking Stand

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 6

Objective:

- The Objective of the homework assignments are to start the mastery of commands.

Preparation:

- Make sure to have the proper tools and treats for each training session.

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☐ Terminal Markers "Yes, uh uh and no" (good boy or good girl for encouragement) (as often as you are giving new commands)
☐ Luring (5x a day)
☐ Check Heel (as often as possible min 3x a day)
☐ "Free" Walk (3x a day)
☐ Taking a break (5x a day)
☐ Sit (10x a day)
☐ Down (10x a day)
☐ Watch me (10x a day)
☐ Load up (3x a day)
☐ Front (10x a day)
☐ Place (increasing the durations by 5 minutes each week)
☐ Leave it (2x a day)
☐ Make friends (1x a day)
☐ Cover (10x a day)
☐ Up (10x a day)
☐ Off (10x a day)
☐ Touch (10x a day)
☐ Come (30x on 6ft leash)
☐ Switch (3x a day)
☐ Stay (10x a day)
☐ Under (increasing the duration each week)

Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 2 (RED PHASE) BACKYARD VET CENTER

- Training tools are properly fitted (correctly fitted before training begins)
- Checking Leash Walking
- Checking properly using Terminal markers
- Checking Luring Techniques
- Checking Heel
- Checking Free Walk
- Checking Take a break
- Checking Sit
- Checking Down
- Checking Watch me
- Checking Front
- Checking Place
- Checking Leave it
- Checking Make friends
- Checking Cover
- Checking Up
- Checking off
- Checking Under
- Checking Touch
- Checking Come
- Checking Switch
- Checking Stay
- Checking Under
- Checking Stand

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 7

Objective:

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Preparation:

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☐ Terminal Markers "Yes, uh uh and no" (good boy or good girl for encouragement) (as often as you are giving new commands)
☐ Luring (5x a day)
☐ Check Heel (as often as possible min 3x a day)
☐ "Free" Walk (3x a day)
☐ Taking a break (5x a day)
☐ Sit (10x a day)
☐ Down (10x a day)
☐ Watch me (10x a day)
☐ Load up (3x a day)
☐ Front (10x a day)
☐ Place (increasing the durations by 5 minutes each week)
☐ Leave it (2x a day)
☐ Make friends (1x a day)
☐ Cover (10x a day)
☐ Up (10x a day)
☐ Off (10x a day)
☐ Touch (10x a day)
☐ Come (30x on 6ft leash)
☐ Switch (3x a day)
☐ Stay (10x a day)
☐ Under (increasing the durations by 5 minutes each week)

Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 3 (RED PHASE) IN THE DRIVEWAY IN FRONT OF VETERAN CENTER

- Training tools are properly fitted (correctly fitted before training begins)
- Checking Leash Walking
- Checking properly using Terminal markers
- Checking Luring Techniques
- Checking Heel
- Checking Free Walk
- Checking Take a break
- Checking Sit
- Checking Down
- Checking Watch me
- Checking Front
- Checking Place
- Checking Leave it
- Checking Make friends
- Checking Cover
- Checking Up
- Checking off
- Checking Under
- Checking Touch
- Checking Come
- Checking Switch
- Checking Stay
- Checking Under
- Checking Stand

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 8

Objective:

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☐ Luring (5x a day)
☐ Check Heel (as often as possible min 3x a day)
☐ "Free" Walk (3x a day)
☐ Taking a break (5x a day)
☐ Sit (10x a day)
☐ Down (10x a day)
☐ Watch me (10x a day)
☐ Load up (3x a day)
☐ Front (10x a day)
☐ Place (increasing the durations by 5 minutes each week)
☐ Leave it (2x a day)
☐ Make friends (1x a day)
☐ Cover (10x a day)
☐ Up (10x a day)
☐ Off (10x a day)
☐ Touch (10x a day)
☐ Come (30x on 6ft leash)
☐ Switch (3x a day)
☐ Stay (10x a day)
☐ Under (increasing the durations by 5 minutes each week)

Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 4 (RED PHASE) COMBINING ALL AREAS

- Training tools are properly fitted (correctly fitted before training begins)
- Checking Leash Walking
- Checking properly using Terminal markers
- Checking Luring Techniques
- Checking Heel
- Checking Free Walk
- Checking Take a break
- Checking Sit
- Checking Down
- Checking Watch me
- Checking Front
- Checking Place
- Checking Leave it
- Checking Make friends
- Checking Cover
- Checking Up
- Checking off
- Checking Under
- Checking Touch
- Checking Come
- Checking Switch
- Checking Stay
- Checking Under
- Checking Stand

After this training session dogs will be evaluated to pass onto the White Phase of Training. **

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HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 9

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☐ "Free" Walk (3x a day)
☐ Taking a break (5x a day)
☐ Sit (10x a day)
☐ Down (10x a day)
☐ Watch me (10x a day)
☐ Load up (3x a day)
☐ Front (10x a day)
☐ Place (increasing the durations by 5 minutes each week)
☐ Leave it (2x a day)
☐ Make friends (1x a day)
☐ Cover (10x a day)
☐ Up (10x a day)
☐ Off (10x a day)
☐ Touch (10x a day)
☐ Come (30x on 6ft leash)
☐ Switch (3x a day)
☐ Stay (10x a day)
☐ Under (increasing the durations by 5 minutes each week)
☐ Stand (10x a day)

Notes for Next Training Session:

GETTING READY TO GO ON A PUBLIC OUTING

Objective:

- This guide provides veterans at Big Dog Ranch Rescue the procedures for conducting a public outing with your service dog. The aim is to ensure a smooth and safe experience for both you and your dog, while reinforcing training and public engagement.

Preparation:

- **Make sure you have these necessary supplies with you**
    - Service dog gear (harness, leash, ID vest)
    - Water and portable bowl
    - Treats for rewards
    - Waste bags for bathroom needs
    - First aid kit
- **Pre-Outing Briefing:**
    - Review the outing plan with the Veteran Trainer for the session.
    - Discuss potential challenges in the public environment.

Unloading the Vehicle

- **Select a Safe Area:**
    - Choose a quiet spot away from busy traffic for unloading. This will always be easier for a new dog.

- **Proper Unloading:**
    - Make sure Gear is Already attached.
    - Get situated before getting the dog out of the car this will put less stress on you and your dog.
    - Once you are ready open the vehicle door and make sure the stay command is given to prevent dog from jumping out before command.
    - Have the veteran Give the free command once the dog jumps up put into a direct sit next to the car not our in the street.

Bathroom Break

- Before entering the public space, give the "Take a Break" command.
- Allow the dog to relieve itself, ensuring they are comfortable and focused.

/***Importance:***

- Reduces anxiety and distractions during the outing.

- Helps prevent accidents in public areas.

Entering the Public Area

- Make sure the dog remains in the heel position while walking, if the dog loses the heel position lure back into position.
- If this is the dog's first time in the new environment, make sure that you are constantly praising the dog for any type of good public outing behavior.

Working in Public Space

- **Commands In Public:**
  - Reinforce all basic commands like "Sit," "Stay," and "Heel" as needed.
  - Reward the dog always for good behavior and try to limit corrections.
  - Once the dog does all basic then start higher level obedience and start service task scenario.
- **Social Interactions:**
  - Discuss how to politely handle interactions with the public.
  - If asked inform others that the dog is working and should not be distracted or utilize this time to work through the make friends command with your dog and stranger
- **Identify Triggers:**
  - Recognize what might stress your dog (e.g., loud noises, sudden movements).
  - It is always important to end an outing on a high note before leaving so the dog can remember the last event as a positive to hopefully recreate the desired behavior

Post-Outing Reflection

- **Debrief with the Trainer:**
  - Discuss what went well and what challenges arose.
  - Encourage feedback for future outings.

Ending the Outing

- **Prepare for Departure:**
  - Make sure the dog remains in a heel and ends training with a lot of positive rewards so the behaviors can continue more likely at the next outing
  - Once out the building gives another "Take a Break" command again to give the dog an opportunity to use the bathroom. Discuss what went well and what problems that were noticed
  - Give a list of things to work on for the next outing
- **Reloading Procedures:**
  - Use the same unloading techniques in reverse. (dog first then you load)

WHITE PHASE (GROUP TRAINING)

Objective:

- The Objective of the White Phase is to introduce the veteran into the group class setting and mastery of the basic obedience that was taught during the initial 5 lessons. In this phase task work will be introduced into training.

Preparation:

- When changing environments understand successive approximation, everything builds on the last.

WEEK 5 (WHITE PHASE) THE ISLAND

- Training tools are properly fitted (correctly fitted before training begins)
- Checking Leash Walking
- Checking properly using Terminal markers
- Checking Luring Techniques
- Checking Heel
- Checking Free Walk
- Checking Take a break
- Checking Sit
- Checking Down
- Checking Watch me
- Checking Front
- Checking Place
- Checking Leave it
- Checking Make friends
- Checking Cover
- Checking Up
- Checking off
- Checking Under
- Checking Touch
- Checking Come
- Checking Switch
- Checking Stay
- Checking Under
- Checking Stand

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 10

Objective:

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☐ Luring (5x a day)
☐ Check Heel (as often as possible min 3x a day)
☐ “Free” Walk (3x a day)
☐ Taking a break (5x a day)
☐ Sit (10x a day)
☐ Down (10x a day)
☐ Watch me (10x a day)
☐ Load up (3x a day)
☐ Front (10x a day)
☐ Place (increasing the durations by 5 minutes each week)
☐ Leave it (2x a day)
☐ Make friends (1x a day)
☐ Cover (10x a day)
☐ Up (10x a day)
☐ Off (10x a day)
☐ Touch (10x a day)
☐ Come (30x on 6ft leash)
☐ Switch (3x a day)
☐ Stay (10x a day)
☐ Under (increasing the durations by 5 minutes each week)

Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 6 (WHITE PHASE) ISLAND AND VISITORS CENTER

- Training tools are properly fitted (correctly fitted before training begins)
- Checking Leash Walking
- Checking properly using Terminal markers
- Checking Luring Techniques
- Checking Heel
- Checking Free Walk
- Checking Take a break
- Checking Sit
- Checking Down
- Checking Watch me
- Checking Front
- Checking Place
- Checking Leave it
- Checking Make friends
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- Checking Up
- Checking off
- Checking Under
- Checking Touch
- Checking Come
- Checking Switch
- Checking Stay
- Checking Under
- Checking Stand

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 11

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Preparation:

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☐ Check Heel (as often as possible min 3x a day)
☐ "Free" Walk (3x a day)
☐ Taking a break (5x a day)
☐ Sit (10x a day)
☐ Down (10x a day)
☐ Watch me (10x a day)
☐ Load up (3x a day)
☐ Front (10x a day)
☐ Place (increasing the durations by 5 minutes each week)
☐ Leave it (2x a day)
☐ Make friends (1x a day)
☐ Cover (10x a day)
☐ Up (10x a day)
☐ Off (10x a day)
☐ Touch (10x a day)
☐ Come (30x on 6ft leash)
☐ Switch (3x a day)
☐ Stay (10x a day)
☐ Under (increasing the durations by 5 minutes each week)

Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 7 (WHITE PHASE) VETERANS CENTER/VISITORS CENTER/MAIN BUILDING

- Training tools are properly fitted (correctly fitted before training begins)
- Checking Leash Walking
- Checking properly using Terminal markers
- Checking Luring Techniques
- Checking Heel
- Checking Free Walk
- Checking Take a break
- Checking Sit
- Checking Down
- Checking Watch me
- Checking Front
- Checking Place
- Checking Leave it
- Checking Make friends
- Checking Cover
- Checking Up
- Checking off
- Checking Under
- Checking Touch
- Checking Come
- Checking Switch
- Checking Stay
- Checking Under
- Checking Stand

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 12

Objective:

- The Objective of the homework assignments are to start the mastery of commands.

Preparation:

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☐ "Free" Walk (3x a day)
☐ Taking a break (5x a day)
☐ Sit (10x a day)
☐ Down (10x a day)
☐ Watch me (10x a day)
☐ Load up (3x a day)
☐ Front (10x a day)
☐ Place (increasing the durations by 5 minutes each week)
☐ Leave it (2x a day)
☐ Make friends (1x a day)
☐ Cover (10x a day)
☐ Up (10x a day)
☐ Off (10x a day)
☐ Touch (10x a day)
☐ Come (30x on 6ft leash)
☐ Switch (3x a day)
☐ Stay (10x a day)
☐ Under (increasing the durations by 5 minutes each week)

Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 8 (WHITE PHASE) TRAINING ROOM

- Recap on basic commands.
- Obedience walks around the property.
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HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 13

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Preparation:

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Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 9 (WHITE PHASE) TRAINING ROOM

- Recap on basic commands.
- Obedience walks around the property.
- Work on individualized task work.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 14

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Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 10 (WHITE PHASE) TRAINING ROOM

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HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 15

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Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 11 (WHITE PHASE) TRAINING ROOM

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HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 16

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Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 12 (WHITE PHASE) TRAINING ROOM

- Recap on basic commands.
- Obedience walks around the property.
- Work on individualized task work.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 17

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Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 13 (WHITE PHASE) TRAINING ROOM

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HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 18

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Notes for Next Training Session:

BLUE PHASE (GROUP TRAINING)

Objective:

- The Objective of the Blue Phase is to further proof the veterans service dog by working basic obedience and task work in multiple environments on and off the Ranch Property.

Preparation:

- When going out in public it is extremely important to always stay Professional and Alert. When changing environments understand successive approximation, everything builds on the last. Make sure to have the proper tools and homework.

WEEK 14 (BLUE PHASE) HOME DEPOT

- Recap on basic commands and advanced obedience in public setting.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 19

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Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 15 (BLUE PHASE) HOME DEPOT

- Recap on basic commands and advanced obedience in public setting.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 20

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Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 16 (BLUE PHASE) TRACTOR SUPPLY/TROPICAL SMOOTHIE

- Recap on basic commands and advanced obedience in public setting.

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Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 17 (BLUE PHASE) TRACTOR SUPPLY/TROPICAL SMOOTHIE

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Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 18 (BLUE PHASE) PALM BEACH OUTLETS

- Recap on basic commands and advanced obedience in public setting.

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Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 19 (BLUE PHASE) WELLINGTON MALL

- Recap on basic commands and advanced obedience in public setting.

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Notes for Next Training Session:

WEEK 20 (BLUE PHASE) WEST PALM BEACH VA FOR GRADUATION.

- Recap on basic commands and advanced obedience in public setting.
- **Graduation!**

AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN AWARD (CGC)

Objective:

- This test provides Big Dog Ranch Rescue veteran service dogs to test out and be awarded the AKC Canine Good Citizen award. When ready, veterans will be tested on the CGC 10 item test to be able to register their dogs with the AKC CGC award.

Preparation:

- Dogs must have mastered their basic obedience skills and will be able to test for the CGC 10 item test. All tests must be performed on leash. For collars, dogs should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of leather, fabric, or chain. Special training collars such as pinch collars, head halters, and electronic collars are not permitted in the CGC test.
- The evaluator supplies a 20-foot lead for the test. **The owner/handler should bring the dog's brush or comb to the test.**
- Any dog that eliminates during testing must be marked failed. The only exception to this rule is that elimination is allowable in test Item 10, but only when test Item 10 is held outdoors. Any dog that growls, snaps, bites, attacks, or attempts to attack a person or another dog is not a good citizen and must be dismissed from the test.

The 10 Test Items:

- **Test 1:** Accepting a friendly stranger This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation. The evaluator walks up to the dog and handler and greets the handler in a friendly manner, ignoring the dog. The evaluator and handler shake hands and exchange pleasantries. The dog must show no sign of resentment or shyness.
- **Test 2:** Sitting politely for petting This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler. With the dog sitting at the handler's side, to begin the exercise, the evaluator pets the dog on the head and body. The handler may talk to his or her dog throughout the exercise. The dog may stand in place as it is petted. The dog must not show shyness or resentment.
- **Test 3:** Appearance and grooming This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit someone, such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend of the owner, to do so. It also demonstrates the owner's care, concern and sense of responsibility. The evaluator inspects the dog to determine if it is clean and groomed. The dog must appear to be in healthy condition (i.e., proper weight, clean, healthy and alert). The handler should supply the comb

or brush commonly used on the dog. The evaluator then softly combs or brushes the dog, and in a natural manner, lightly examines the ears and gently picks up each front foot. It is not necessary for the dog to hold a specific position during the examination, and the handler may talk to the dog, praise it and give encouragement throughout.

- **Test 4:** Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead) This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog. The dog may be on either side of the handler. The dog's position should leave no doubt that the dog is attentive to the handler and is responding to the handler's movements and changes of direction. The dog need not be perfectly aligned with the handler and need not sit when the handler stops. The evaluator may use a pre-plotted course or may direct the handler/dog team by issuing instructions or commands. In either case, there should be a right turn, left turn, and an about turn with at least one stop in between and another at the end. The handler may talk to the dog along the way, praise the dog, or give commands in a normal tone of voice. The handler may sit the dog at the halts if desired.
- **Test 5:** Walking through a crowd This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places. The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people (at least three). The dog may show some interest in the strangers but should continue to walk with the handler, without evidence of over-exuberance, shyness or resentment. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise the dog throughout the test. The dog should not jump on people in the crowd or strain on the leash.
- **Test 6:** Sit and down on command and Staying in place This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler's commands to sit and down and will remain in the place commanded by the handler (sit or down position, whichever the handler prefers). The dog must do sit AND down on command, then the owner chooses the position for leaving the dog in the stay. Prior to this test, the dog's leash is replaced with a line 20 feet long. The handler may take a reasonable amount of time and use more than one command to get the dog to sit and then down. The evaluator must determine if the dog has responded to the handler's commands. The handler may not force the dog into posit ion but may touch the dog to offer gentle guidance. When instructed by the evaluator, the handler tells the dog to stay and walks forward the length of the line, turns and returns to the dog at a natural pace. The dog must remain in the place in which it was left (it may change position) until the evaluator instructs the handler to release the dog. The dog may be released from the front or the side.
- **Test 7:** Coming when called This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler. The handler will walk 10 feet from the dog, turn to face the

dog, and call the dog. The handler may use encouragement to get the dog to come. Handlers may choose to tell dogs to “stay” or “wait” or they may simply walk away, giving no instructions to the dog.

- **Test 8:** Reaction to another dog This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs. Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about 20 feet, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on for about 10 feet. The dogs should show no more than casual interest in each other. Neither dog should go to the other dog or its handler.
- **Test 9:** Reaction to distraction This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations. The evaluator will select and present two distractions. Examples of distractions include dropping a chair, rolling a crate dolly past the dog, having a jogger run in front of the dog, or dropping a crutch or cane. The dog may express natural interest and curiosity and/or may appear slightly startled but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness, or bark. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise it throughout the exercise.
- **Test 10:** Supervised separation This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain training and good manners. Evaluators are encouraged to say something like, “Would you like me to watch your dog?” and then take hold of the dog’s leash. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position but should not continually bark, whine, or pace unnecessarily, or show anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness. Evaluators may talk to the dog but should not engage in excessive talking, pett ing, or management attempts (e.g. “there, there, it’s alright”).