

Basic Skills Class
Expectations

Attention/Focus/ Engagement	Expectation
Acclimation	And Engagement. Dog is comfortable in the space and able to learn
Rapid Fire Treats	Handler will deliver treats rapidly and smoothly, engagement and diagnostic
Event Marker	Handler is able to use a marker to teach behaviors
Offered Focus	Dog offers engagement with the handler, wants opportunity for reinforcement
Name Recognition	Dog responds with a turn of the head or body when its name is called

Self Regulation	Expectation
Stays	Dog remains in position. One at a time: 15 seconds, 6', mild distractions
Leave it	Zen bowl, tossed treat, take it from the hand
Wait at the door	Dog waits at the door for handler to cue movement
Place	Dog can go to and stay on a mat for extended time, with handler monitoring

Behaviors	Expectation
Touch	Dog touches nose to hand, extra credit: transfer touch to other items
Sit	Dog sits on first cue, cue can be combined verbal and physical signal
Down	Dog lies down on first cue, can be combined verbal and physical signal
Recall	Dog returns to handler when called (no distractions, short distances)
Loose Leash Walking	Dog walks on leash without pulling. Has good awareness of the handler
Collar Touch	Dog accepts handler reach for the collar without avoidance

Handler Skills	Expectation
Event Markers	Handler understands different markers, mechanical, physical, verbal
Luring	Handler understands luring and is able to transition to cues without food
Mechanics	Handler understands timing, rate of reinforcement and placement of reward
Criteria	Handler understands when to make it harder and when to make it easier