

Start in **any** box in the first row. You must perform the skill!

## Training Chess

Sit in 5 different locations	Practice a down/stay	Hold any position on an object (sit on a bench)	Practice doorway manners	Spend 15 min teaching your pup (anything)	Play a 'brain game'	LLW - 20 steps	Practice a collar grab
Attend a class	LLW past a distraction	Play an 'arousal up/arousal down' game	Walk across an unusual surface (safely!)	Compete at a trial (sport of your choice)	Practice a polite greeting	Dog settles on a boundary - 20 min	Retrieve an item
Send to mark	Stand (or sit) in a box or basket	LLW with attentions - 20 steps	Go for a sniff walk	Blind Spot circles (both sit and down)	Play an 'engage/disengage' game	Down in 3 different locations	Play 'cardboard chaos'
Practice cues at a distance (10 feet)	Paws up - 4 different objects	Practice a 'finish' in both directions	Directional send out	Practice a sit/stay	Practice a Go Around	Play the 'I choose you' game	Practice Figure 8 Walking
Practice ignoring a distraction	Scatter feed a meal	Blind spot circles (dog holds a 'stand')	Create and walk a 'balance path'	Teach a trick	Walk past an elephant	Set a training goal	Brush your dog
Perform a directional retrieve	Lure your dog between, over, around your legs	Practice 'Drop it' & 'Leave it'	15 successful recalls throughout the day	Show 3 skills using the same prop	Practice a moving down	Play 'find it' (food, toy, or nosework scent)	Teach a new cue
Go for a 'car ride to nowhere'	Practice handling feet, ears, mouth, tail	Practice verbal only cues	Play catch with a flamingo	Recall past distractions (food & toys)	Practice off side heeling - 20 steps	Keep your dog on leash with you inside for 1 hour	Practice leashing up manners
Practice a 'front'	Practice walking through cavaletti	Demonstrate a sport of your choice	Practice an interrupted cue		Practice physical (hand) only cues	Practice focusing around another animal	Practice a stand/stay

In dog training - sometimes we advance, sometimes we take a step back. Sometimes the unexpected happens. It's rarely a straight line from planning to goals. We have to look ahead, stay flexible and always be ready to adapt our plan. Strategy is as much a part of training as anything else!



Pin this board to your fridge. Use a magnet to mark your position. You can move one square in any direction per day. In order to 'claim' the square, you must perform the skill listed. If you try a skill and are unsuccessful - that's okay! Try a different square the next day. Set your dog up for success and look ahead. If you've gotten yourself stuck - just move backwards and get unstuck. It's always okay to take a step back and fix your situation! Sometimes the impossible can be overcome with a little creativity. Think outside the box. Capture the king by moving onto that square.

Checkmate gets a plaque!