

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 <u>on</u> an object (sit on a bench)	Practice doorway manners	Spend 15 min teaching your pup (anything)	3 cues while marching in place	Send to crate or boundary from another room	6 behaviors / cues in a row
Attend a class	LLW past a distraction	Play an 'arousal up/arousal down' game	Walk across an unusual surface (safely!)	Handler's choice!	Practice a polite greeting	Dog settles on a boundary - 20 min	Dog retrieves an unusual item on cue
Send to mark	Stand (or sit) in a box or basket	LLW with attention for 30 sec- 5x	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 lion	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 succesful 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. In order to 'claim' the square, you must perform the skill listed. Set your dog up for success and look ahead. If you've gotten yourself stuck - just move backwards and get unstuck. Its 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. You don't have to capture the king in a day! Take your time.

Checkmate gets a plaque!