

Intermediate Dog School Vocabulary

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Now that you are about to graduate from 101 level training, it is time to start thinking about continuing education. I offer drop-in training through the Bolingbrook Park District, and also drop-in "field-trip" training. Some of the concepts you should be familiar with or will begin learning at the drop-in level include:

Voice Commands:

- **HEEL:** Sit at handler's left side, facing forward.
- **STAY:** Dog must not change position or move away; attention should be engaged, and dog should be anticipating release or command.
- **COME:** Sit in front, facing and looking up at handler.
- **STAND:** Stand as positioned, not moving paws.
- **TAKE IT:** Hold object in mouth.
- **THANK YOU:** Release object from mouth.
- **FETCH:** Sit in front of handler (as in "come") with object in mouth.
- **RIGHT:** Sit at handler's right side (opposite of "heel").
- **BACK:** Walk backwards.

Hand Signals:

- **DOWN:** Right hand up palm facing dog.
- **SIT:** Left hand up, palm facing handler.
- **COME:** Right hand moves diagonally up, from right side to chest, palm toward handler.
- **HEEL(finish):** Left hand, palm down, on diagonal from stomach to left side.
- **STAND:** Right hand moves forward from dog's face (at eye level, parallel to floor) about 12 inches.
- **STAY:** Palm of left hand in front of dog's face; no hand motion.
- **GO:** Left arm at 90* angle, back of hand even with right side of dog's face; hand is moved forward parallel to floor, sending dog in direction hand points.

Levels of Advancement:

First Level--Green Leash:

- * 101 graduate, controlled walk on leash with 3 or less corrections
- * 1 minute distant "Wait" (on lead), with name response and no break when remotely praised
- * Three sits in a row during controlled walk
- * "Down" on command
- * Appropriate during social greeting by strangers (3)
- * Settles when owner settles; alerts and preps when owner stands
- * Releases for toy after offering eye contact and waiting for "OK" command
- * Respects permanent boundary
- * Obeys temporary boundary command ("Gate")
- * Only takes food from hand and ground with permission prompt
- * Only jumps into lap with permission prompt

One Red Stripe:

- * Short "Sit-Stay," proofed with name and praise, remotely released on "OK"
- * "Come" as a front sit position, executed as: forward, pull-out, come, leash assisting allowed
- * "Heel" finish (sitting at left side) from "Come," leash assisting allowed

Two Red Stripes:

- * Short "Down-Stay," proofed with name and praise, released on "OK"
- * Come from "Down" when positioned directly in front of handler
- * "Right" finish from front to right side (sitting at "Heel" on right side)

Three Red Stripes:

- * Long "Wait" (three minutes), owner greeting other people/dogs and then sitting away from dog
- * "Down" on hand signal

Second Level--Red Leash:

* Off lead controlled walk, three or less vocal ("eht!") corrections

* "Come" when called, off lead

One Black Stripe:

* "Heel" finish, off lead, on hand signal

* "Down" on hand signal, from controlled-walk/pull-out, on lead

Two Black Stripes:

* Recall ("Come") on hand-signal

* "Sit-Stay," one minute with distractions

* "Down-Wait," three minutes, owner out of room

Three Black Stripes:

* Off-lead "Heel," zero corrections

* "Stand-for-examination," on lead

* "Up-to-sit" on hand signal

Black Leash:

* Off-lead "Stand-for-examination"

* Off-lead "Drop-on-recall," on hand-signals

* Off-lead send to "Bed" with implied wait

* Demonstration of full training repertoire

Blue Stripe on Any Color Leash:

* Hold and carry three unfamiliar objects

* Retrieve on command

Green Stripe on Any Color Leash:

* Find one missing (hiding) person

* Locate three lost objects belonging to owner along a track

* Identify scent material and indicate appropriately

Yellow Stripe on Any Color Leash--Award of Distinction:

- * Pass a Therapy Dog Test
- * Earn an Obedience Title
- * Earn a CGC Title
- * Earn a Performance Award (Agility, Flyball, etc.)