



<p>1. WAIT AT THE DOOR</p>	<p>Student asks their dog to wait at the door until student releases dog to enter. <i>The ability to maintain position until invited to advance through a door is a convenience to the student and can save a dog's life. (See "20 Uses for Wait or Stay" at www.trainyourdogmonth.com/tips/20UsesWaitStay.aspx.)</i></p>
<p>WARM-UP TIME</p>	<p>Dog and student are allowed up to 5 minutes to explore and acclimate to the testing area. <i>A dog is better able to focus and relax when he has a chance to assess his immediate environment.</i></p>
<p>2. COME AND LEASHING UP MANNERS</p>	<p>A. Student asks their dog to come from 10 feet away. B. Student attaches leash to their dog's collar. <i>Coming when called could save your dog's life if he gets loose. Training a dog to want to come to you also helps strengthen the bond between dog and student. (See "15 Uses for Coming When Called" at www.trainyourdogmonth.com/tips/15UsesCome.aspx.)</i></p>
<p>3. LOOSE LEASH WALKING AND ATTENTION</p>	<p>A. Student loose leash walks with their dog in a loop pattern. B. Student demonstrates that their dog can give 2 seconds of eye contact at any point during the walk. <i>Teaching and practicing loose leash walking and checking in with one another builds comfort, ease, and connectedness between the dog and student. (See www.trainyourdogmonth.com/tips/15UsesLLW.aspx for "20 Uses for Walking Without Pulling.")</i></p>
<p>4. MEET AND GREET</p>	<p>A. Student asks their dog to sit, down, or stand, and an unfamiliar person approaches dog and student. B. An unfamiliar person asks the student for permission to greet their dog by petting and giving a treat. Student chooses if either is appropriate for their dog or not. <i>The importance of a dog remaining politely at the student's side shows the dog's self-control when meeting someone. This also allows the opportunity for the student to understand if it is appropriate or not for someone to greet or handle their dog. (See "The Importance of Socialization" at www.trainyourdogmonth.com/tips/socialization.aspx.)</i></p>
<p>★ BONUS 1: SPIN</p>	<p>Dog turns in a full circle (360 degrees) to the left or right in a standing position for one rotation. <i>Spin is a quick and easy trick to teach, and is fun for both dogs and people. Teaching simple tricks is a way for a dog to practice the art of learning. (See www.trainyourdogmonth.com/tips/20UsesTricks.aspx for "20 Uses for Tricks.")</i></p>
<p>5. LEAVE IT</p>	<p>Student walks with their dog by three items and student diverts dog's attention from the items. <i>Leave It is useful when you do not want your dog to go near something, and can be a life-saving skill.</i></p>
<p>6. WAIT FOR THE FOOD BOWL</p>	<p>Student asks their dog to wait for the food bowl until student releases dog to eat out of it. <i>Rather than grabbing or rushing for the food, waiting for the food bowl is good manners and strengthens a dog's self-control.</i></p>
<p>7. STAY</p>	<p>Student asks their dog to stay in a sit or down position while student converses with Evaluator for 1 minute. <i>Stay is useful when you need your dog to remain in place. (See "20 Uses for Wait or Stay" at www.trainyourdogmonth.com/tips/20UsesWaitStay.aspx.)</i></p>
<p>8. SETTLE</p>	<p>Student asks their dog to settle in a down for 1 minute while the student sits next to their dog. Student chooses a crate, the floor, or a mat for the settle. <i>A dog who can calm down on cue is more manageable in the home and may be more welcome in other social settings. (See "25 Uses for Down" at www.trainyourdogmonth.com/tips/25UsesDown.aspx.)</i></p>
<p>9. GIVE AND TAKE</p>	<p>Student asks their dog to give a high-value item and take a treat, chew, or toy. <i>Living with a dog who does not guard food or objects, willingly drops items on cue, and takes items gently from the student is safer for the student and less stressful for the dog.</i></p>
<p>★ BONUS 2: TRICK OF STUDENT'S CHOICE</p>	<p>Dog demonstrates a trick other than spin. <i>Tricks are fun, can be useful, and exercise a dog's mind. (See "20 Uses for Tricks" at www.trainyourdogmonth.com/tips/20UsesTricks.aspx.)</i></p>