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## Long Island Dog Improvements

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**Floyd Gelder**

**Maddie**

# Follow Up Notes

## Follow up notes for your training session of 4/20/2011

Great fun working with you yesterday. Future sessions will be less discussion and more hands on training.

- Work on your "sit stay", sets of 5, raising to the next level of difficulty (either longer duration for the stay..or move further away...or add some distractions...please not ALL at the same time. ;) ) Work fairly quickly with each rep. but proceed to the next level of difficulty only after 5 of 5's. Please follow the "Sit-Stay" work sheet that I gave you. If you want, you can also do the "Ring around the doggie" game as per the work sheet I left behind.

- Work on your Premack recall. You can warm up with a few back and forth recalls so Maddie will be warmed up even though she's already doing a great job with her recall. Then shift to your Premack recall as we practiced today (also follow the work sheet) If you want to raise the bar, once you're getting 5 good reps, you can move further apart and maybe even add a "sit" cue to the end of the recall. You can also practice with the caller out of sight. We always want her to respond, even if you're not in sight. It might be a life saver some day.

- Work on your "look" cue. Add distractions. Please don't repeat "look" to get her attention if she responds to the distraction. I left you a hand out about this



I have attached the Puppy Things to Do list. Let's not assume that just because you're not seeing any issues that we can drop our guard and assume they won't develop.

Great work today. Really nice to see both of you AND Maddie having fun while learning. That's exactly the way it should be.

Any questions, feel free to contact me.