

## Stay 2 – Distance

### Purpose:

**Stay 2** – Distance teaches your dog to **Stay** when you are not next to your dog or when your dog cannot see you.

**Verbal Signal:** Yes  
**Non-Verbal Signal:** Yes  
**Need to Know:** Stay 1 - Duration

### Steps for Teaching Stay - Distance:

Step 1 – Give your dog the signal to **Sit** and **Stay**. Move a short distance from your dog, no more than a foot. If your dog remains in a **Stay** for a few seconds, **Click/Treat**. Remember to click your dog while she is still in the **Stay** position.

If your dog moves out of the **Stay** position when you move away from her, use your **Try Again** signal followed by the **Sit/Stay** signal.

### **Training Tip**

When you begin adding distance, do not move too far away from your dog. Once your dog is successful at one distance, raise your criteria. Increase the distance you move away from your dog by a foot or two at a time.

Move away from your dog in different directions. Practice moving in front of your dog, going to either side of your dog, and going behind your dog.

Step 2 – Once your dog is successful doing a **Stay** at a distance, begin increasing the amount of time (duration) that you are away from your dog. At first, you might practice a stay for five seconds when you are at a distance of six feet. Then you might practice a stay for ten seconds at a distance of ten feet.

### **Savvy Helpful Hint**

When you are training your dog to stay, vary the duration and distance. For example, you might have your dog stay:

1. Twenty seconds at six feet
2. Fifteen seconds at ten feet
3. Twenty-five seconds at four feet
4. Five seconds at two feet

When you vary the duration (time) and the distance of the **Stay**, your dog will not be able to anticipate what is going to happen. She will

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need to pay attention to the signals you give her in order to win the Click and Treat.