

Ducktown Lodge – 30-Day Transition Outline (Continued)

VERY IMPORTANT: DISTRACTIONS & OBEDIENCE CLASSES

We strongly recommend not taking your newly graduated dog into high-distraction environments until you have attended at least two Saturday obedience classes.

These classes help:

- Proof skills around distractions
- Maintain accountability
- Prevent regression before it starts
- Support long-term off-leash goals

Skipping this step is one of the most common causes of setbacks we see.

COMMON PITFALLS WE SEE (AND HOW TO AVOID THEM)

- Giving freedom too fast
- Inconsistent rules between people
- Letting structure slide “just this once”
- Waiting too long to ask for help

Most follow-up calls we get a month later start with:

“My dog isn’t listening to me anymore.”

That almost always means structure faded before the dog was ready.

HOW WE SUPPORT YOU AFTER GRADUATION

You are not expected to figure this out alone. Ducktown Lodge offers:

- Follow-up lessons to transfer training into your home
- Saturday obedience classes for distraction work and accountability
- Open communication for questions or guidance
- Optional tune-up sessions whenever you want support

If something feels off, call us early. Small adjustments prevent big problems.

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FINAL REMINDER

Your dog’s success depends less on what they learned in training and more on how consistently it’s handled at home.

Your dog doesn’t need perfection.

They need clarity.

They need follow-through.

They need leadership.

We’re proud of you and your dog — and we’re here to help every step of the way.

Lucinda & Sara

Ducktown Lodge & Dog Training