TRAINING PLAN TEMPLATE

GOAL BEHAVIOR: _____

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PARAMETERS

Parameter	Definition

TRAINING PLAN

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HOW TO FOLLOW YOUR PLAN

- You can think of the parameters you listed for each step of your plan as the criteria your dog needs to meet to earn a treat.
- In general, here's how you work through a training plan:
  - Train in sets of 5 identical repetitions. Stay on the same step, using the same criteria, keeping your prompts and cues consistent.
    - If your dog earns 2 or fewer treats, go back one step.
    - If your dog earns 3 treats, stay on the same step.
    - If your dog earns 4 or 5 treats, move to the next step.
  - If you get stuck between two steps where even after re-practicing the easier step a few times, your dog still can't do the harder one, make a half step in the middle to help your dog bridge the gap.
- If you're using shaping or helping your dog overcome a phobia, you might use different criteria to determine how to move through your plan.