

INTRODUCTION

Your dog is about to learn everything he needs to know in order to become a model canine citizen. Teamwork is the key to a well-behaved family pet. Your dog wants to please you, and we're going to teach him how. Dogs are pack animals and assume leadership unless otherwise taught. Obedience training is the easiest way to establish control of your dog. An obedient dog is a trusted, well-mannered member of your family.

Obedience: Setting the Ground Rules

Habit is nothing more than behavior -- good or bad.

Repetition + Consistency = HABIT (Good OR Bad)
How to form good habits? Do it right over and over again!
Follow the system!

Practice should be playtime for you and your dog.

Minimum of 30 minutes per day.
We recommend three 10 minute sessions per day.
ALWAYS finish on a positive note.

Enforcement isn't punishment. Enforcement is guidance.

NEVER give a command unless you intend to enforce it.
Give the command only once, before physically enforcing it.
While teaching, never give a command without using a leash.

Reinforcement through teamwork creates respect.

Praise even the smallest accomplishment.
Be enthusiastic -- your dog can tell!
Positive reinforcement, not negative, makes a happy, well-adjusted dog.

Tone of Voice: Praise Tone: warm, soft and sincere (“Gooooood Boy”)
Command Tone: firm and authoritative (“Fido, Sit”)
Correction Tone: loud, harsh (“NO”!!!!)

Usage of Tone: “Fido Sit”, “Stay” Command Tone
“NO!!!” Correction Tone
“Stay” Command Tone
“Gooooood Boy” Praise Tone

Problem Solving

Behavior Modification:

Formula: -Bad Behavior = Negative input from owner
-Good Behavior = Positive input from owner
- Eliminate possibility of mistakes

Example: Dog chews table, owner “NO!”, replace table with
desirable chew toy, Praise “Gooooood Boy!!!”

Why Logs

Housebreaking and obedience logs are given to owners for the purpose of trouble shooting problems in training and are necessary to insure success of your program (keep them up to date, Your dogs progress depends on IT !).

* Remember: If you have any questions, please call our office Monday-Friday, 9:00 am -5:00 pm *
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