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Dog Training Tips

Start training off on the right paw!

Training should start the moment you bring your dog home. Each interaction with your dog is a learning opportunity. Every dog should understand the basics to make communication between human and canine less complex. Basic commands include responding to his name, sit, down, stay, come when called, leave it, drop it, and loose leash walking.

Keep all training sessions short but frequent. Incorporate several short training sessions into your daily routine by practicing a few 5-10 minute training sessions each day. For the best results, use the dog training philosophy "Nothing in life is free".

Use training rewards that your dog wants to work for. Food treats often work best. All treats should be small – no bigger than a pea. Use your dog's dry food mixed with soft smelly treats or little bits of low-salt cooked meat. If your dog is not food motivated or easily gets an upset stomach, use other rewards like verbal praise, praising touch, or toys. If your dog is typically food motivated but too stressed to eat during a training session, that is a sign the dog is too stressed to learn.

Set your dog up for training success by slowly adding difficulty and distractions; build on each command. Start your training in a quiet, low distraction area and gradually work up to more distractions, such as in the yard, at a park, or in public. Vary commands and pattern of command requests when training your dog. Always end dog training sessions on a positive and successful note.

Dog training sessions should not involve using fear, pain, or intimidation. Many punishment-based training methods are outdated or may worsen the problem. Obedience training should not include yelling, hitting, collar jerking, or hanging. Preventing, ignoring, and redirecting unacceptable behaviors are the best methods to use. Always consult your veterinarian, dog trainer, and/or animal behaviorist when a problem occurs that could cause harm to the dog or others.

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