



Puppy Training Made Easy

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The Training Development Course

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An Introduction to Dog Puppy Training

Dogs have been man's close friends for many thousands of years, and they were living all these years, in well defined social packs, till man started domesticated them as pet dogs. Earlier, these dogs were considered wild and unruly, and they lived in their own individual social packs. Each member of the pack had its own duties and responsibilities apart from their own designated, individual position in the hierarchy. Once dogs gave birth to their puppies, and as these puppies started growing up, each of the puppies had its assigned ranking and priority in the pack; by birth and instinct, a puppy will start learning whether he is weak, fragile or submissive in his approach.

If a dog was submissive and meek in its approach, other stronger puppies pushed and chased that dog away for their share of food and space. If this dog had enough strength and a wily nature, he was the one who pushed and chased other weak puppies away. The Mother Nature had its own way of determining the position or hierarchy of a given puppy, and the whole community led a life whose structure was strictly hierarchical in nature.

The social behavior of a dog was expressed during its adult stages, as dogs used to reestablish their positions. If a dog was the aggressive of the pack, he used to bully his way through the pack and assert his authority. It was just the other way round, when the grown up dog was meek and submissive; it was always a case of bowed head and prostrating body!

However, when man started domesticated these wonderful animals, there was a curious problem of disciplining them for good manners and an organized living. As a result, there was an intensive effort to find new ways of training these wild dogs and their off-springs to make them learn new manners and behavior. Years of consistent efforts and new techniques have lead to a series of dog training packages that are used even today.

Training a dog is not an easy task and the entire training task is riddled with various challenges and risks. However, with new techniques and tricks, you can

also train your dog in your own house, and with this fact filled e book to help you out. Training starts in your own home and with your loving puppy! A well disciplined puppy is a source of joy and inspiration, while a badly mannered puppy could be a nuisance and a source of embarrassment.

A young puppy is just like a baby.

Your pup is just like your small kids; there is a stark similarity between your kids and a pup. Just like your small kids, pups also need discipline training, as soon as they are brought into your house. Disciplining your kids is actually a tough and tiring task, and teaching good mannerism to your pup is almost like disciplining your child.

Young pups have a curious habit of displaying a character of submissiveness, as soon as they are brought inside the house. When start talking to your puppy, it may just roll over and start urinating on your legs. In nature, this behavior is interpreted as a gesture to show that the pup is very weak and mild, bordering almost on begging for forgiveness. At this juncture, your pup needs reassurance and encouragement; never start scolding your dog when you see this submissive behavior.

You may need some time to understand and interpret your puppy's behavior. Don't get surprised to know that your dog will also take some time to understand your psyche and attitude! It is almost like a two-way communication channel. Your pup has its own type of special behavior and discipline, which may not be acceptable to you and your family.

But, there is always a limit to what you can control and restrain in your dog; one of the typical behavior of dog is its innate character of aggression, when it is fed a favorite food. Thus, the basic technology of puppy training involves a strategy that understands the fine balance between dog's innate behavior (which are often very difficult to change and control) and its social obligation (social obligation means projecting dog's overall behavior in front of family and friends).

The overall need for puppy training is to make your puppy socially-compliant and people friendly; more often, puppies are disciplined for their wild manners and behavior, which have been inherited down the progeny line for thousands of years.

There are several valid reasons as to why you should train and discipline your dog for good behavior and manners. It is very important that your pup must know what you wish and expect from him, so that he will respond accordingly and correctly. Every dog likes to please his master and he will readily do this if he is trained and rewarded properly for his good behavior. There are some important reasons to spend your precious time to train your puppy:

- ✓ The basic objective of puppy training is to provide a session of education for the puppy as well as its owner. The main aim of this obedience training is to learn how to live in harmony with each other
- ✓ Puppy training means, spending quality time with your dog to display your love and affection towards the puppy, and also to teach basic tricks and techniques. You can reserve this time as a fun time to allow your dog to learn basic discipline and manners.
- ✓ When your pup gets the required training, it will start respecting you as his real owner.
- ✓ Basic training will also help your dog to respect your neighbors and visitors.
- ✓ Training is also meant to prevent boredom in puppy's life and to avoid behavioral problems like biting, chewing and digging.
- ✓ A well trained dog is neighbor's envy and your pride! A trained puppy can impress friends and colleague very easily with its excellent manners.
- ✓ When you train your dog systematically and in an organized manner, you can easily take it out for walking or grooming purposes.
- ✓ In some regions and counties, dog owners may even avail a small concession on registration fees for their trained dogs.

Basic Training Issues

When you bring home a lovable puppy, it means you have plenty of responsibility in your hand; as soon as you buy your dog, you will be its truthful owner and guardian. As an owner, you must know the extent of training that is needed by your pup. Your dog is just like any other animals and it usually displays a certain amount of patience and tolerance. Though it is very difficult to ascertain the extent and level of training that is to be provided to your pup, you can still quantify the right amount by using many trial and error methods.



The basic training issue here is the emotional equation between you and the puppy on a coordinated and calibrated basis. You may need to set aside a designated amount of time to train your puppy as part of your own social obligation. Once you reserve this time, you'll need to be very serious in involving yourself as the real training master. Owning your dog is a serious responsibility, and you may never like to take it too lightly. By owning a dog, you'll need to set up some rules and guidelines both for yourself and your dog. Here are some of the basic elements that must guide you in your dog training quest:

- How do you like your dog? Do you wish your pup to be a big nuisance both to your family and your neighbors? A bad dog is a dangerous creature that can bite and scare your children and neighbors.
- Grooming involves discipline training plus physiological maintenance. Your dog will need your constant attention, love and affection apart from a liberal dose of exercise.
- All things being equal and for obvious reasons, you must have purchased a puppy to make it as your close companion and a dear friend. If so, you must treat it as a part of your family.

- Puppy-hood is the most critical time in a puppy's life, and when you help you puppy off its fragile feet, you'll be doing a great service by providing it a productive and fun filled life.
- Training is a two way affair that requires you to act responsibly and coherently, so that your dog learns all obedience technique. This book will help you learn advanced techniques that are easy to understand and comprehend.
- You must teach your dog what is right from wrong; this attitude will help him to be on his guard from invisible dangers and imponderables.
- When you commit your personal time to your puppy, you're making your dog a lifetime friend and faithful companion. With good training and proper care, you'll also own a dog that responds to your wishes and requirements.
- Obedience training is not a tool to teach dogs to perform tricks or contest exercises; it's to train dogs to be faithful, obedient and systematic, to do what they're ordered to do.
- Puppy training covers many lessons and techniques that a dog can learn, including exercises, general manners, show ring tricks, and skills shows.
- Dog training should be a fruitful exercise that is fun filled and interesting. This time could also be used as a precious interlude to develop a deep bond between you and the puppy. The time can be used to bond closely with your dog and learn each other's personalities.
- As your puppy grows up and becomes an adult, he will need to know who the real boss is. Who is making the final word?? A pup will start making up his own rules if he is not made to realize that he is not the real boss!
- The ultimate issue is to create a suitable environment for your puppy to live in a harmonious condition along with his family members. The puppy must realize that his master is being very benevolent enough to keep him in the house to raise him as a part of the family.
- Finally, the most basic issue in puppy training is that you must make your dog completely grateful to you for your kindness and generousness.

Training Implements and Tools

Whatever the equipments and tools you use to train your puppy, they are of little use, if your basic techniques and methods are ill fitting both for you and your dog. If you find that your present relationship with your dog needs a lot of re-work,



then it is the time to reevaluate your entire dog training strategy. Training equipment come handy and useful, when you want to expedite your training process. Training tools are absolutely essential to ensure a complete puppy training package. When selecting training equipment, you need to consider several factors such as:

Does your dog recognize the signals sent out by the training tools?

Your dog will always anticipate some sort of reaction from you, while a reaction



can emanate only from a quiet signal sent out by you. To perceive any kind of signals, your dog must be able to hear or see them.

Many puppy training tools are made to rely on the touch aspect of feeling and also on

the physiological sensitivity. The sensitivity of touch is dependent on:

- The breed of dog,
- The given situation and,
- The individual

To choose the best tools and equipments for your dog, you'll need to assess the real time situation and act accordingly. Dogs will do well with those tools which provide enough information for them to act and respond. As a result, choosing the right tool is actually a trial and error exercise. Dogs are hunters in nature and their psyche, and hence respond very well towards anything that moves very quickly. Their eyes are tuned to detect all types of movements, and their

response is tuned by a special type of stimulus that is extremely quick and ultra-fast in nature. The tools that you use should not cause any harm to your dog's wonderful abilities and special characters that are critically related to quick movements.

Is your training tool result-compliant?

The type and kind of tools that you use to house-train your dog, has a profound influence on the way in which it responds to your training schedules. If your dog ignores your commands and signals, you may need to reassess your training strategy and tactics. Many dog owners are never known to use the right kind of tools to train their dogs, and as a result they will end up being big failures. You may also wish to change your methods once you feel that they are inadequate and insufficient. The response that you get from your dog is again dependant on the type of communication you provide to your dog. If you're being very realistic and smart, you'll change the currently used strategy into something else that may really work.

What is the effect of using training tools on your own health?



Bigger and heavier training tools like leather leads may come in handy, if you want to exert your authority on wily and hardy breeds like Doberman and Akita. However, such tools may also cause tremendous inconvenience in the way you operate and handle your tools. There are other ways to train your dogs by using a lead signal that is soft and subtle in its nature. These are better than a forceful method of providing the signal to the dog. Softer signals are possible only when you learn to use a very fine motor control mechanism, instead of a jerky and mechanical movement, which are disturbing to your dog training efforts and also to your health. Your dog has the capacity to sense even smallest of movements, and such signals are readily welcomed and understood easily by your puppy.

Your choice of tools and the way in which you use them, will have a magnifying effect on your emotions, composure, patience, and the overall results you procure through your training schedules. Choose your tools wisely as the ultimate effectiveness of dog training depends entirely on the type of tools as well as their effectiveness.

How smooth can you get?



Subtle and smooth communication is the two requirements that are expected from a puppy trainer; gliding movements with a feathery touch will ensure that you will get satisfactory training results. You can achieve better results even with very subtle training techniques. Dogs never need a loud or harsh signal to obey their masters, even a twitch of fingers or a simple gaze will make them understand what you need during a particular scenario. Such fine smoothness needs perfect timing, precision and clarity in your signals. Apart from these, you may also need to earn dog's respect and willingness to comply with your commands.

For a casual onlooker, a professional trainer busy at the work looks utterly magical, and the overall act of training may also look too surreal and artistic. It may also project a perception of a great team at work- that's you and your puppy.

Now that you know what you need to become a good trainer, there are a number of items that you will need to use for training your puppy.

Tip: When you need your tools, a brief visit to a pet shop can be beneficial and advantageous. Once you see the contents and materials in a pet supply store, you can finalize the list.

What you need:

There are six basic tools that are needed for the training work:

- ✓ A six foot long leather leash- This is an absolutely important tool in your training arsenal. This length allows for increased flexibility and control during training process. You can always choose the width according to the size of your dog. It may range from five-eighths of an inch to about one half of an inch or less.
- ✓ A jeweled training collar- Many training collars will have small metal links which are welded together to make them stronger and tough. With its strong structure, it can release the grip on the dog's neck very quickly.
- ✓ A small shake can- This is similar to a noisemaker that is used to startle the puppy to get an immediate attention. You can also use a discarded soda can; simply put several coins inside the can to create noise.
- ✓ A dog crate- This utility type of tool comes very handy when you want to transport your dog to some other place. It can also be used to housebreak your dog and also to correct bad behavior.
- ✓ A puppy gate- This is useful when you wish to restrict the puppy's movements without hindering his view.
- ✓ A squirt bottle- This is an unusual tool that can be used as a spray bottle to add an element of surprise.

How to Housebreak your Puppy?

Housebreaking your puppy is an important aspect of puppy training and the most difficult one too! Most of new dog owners try to housebreak their puppy in a big hurry. But housebreaking a puppy is actually a tough task and a challenging aspect of dog training process. With a bit of patience and lot of understanding from your side, you can readily ensure that your dog ownership will also be a successful one and a pleasing experience.



The duration of time that is needed to housebreak, is entirely dependent on your dog breed and his genetics, and you may need to be very patient enough while carrying out this difficult work. More often, it is very difficult to control bowel and bladder movements of a young puppy. Meaningful housetraining will help your dog control bowel and bladder movements. The secret of housebreaking is essentially an element of consistency and repetition of various training actions. All dogs could be housebroken provided you show enough patience and dedication towards this cause.

General Hints:

Here some of the most basic principles and guidelines that you must follow without fail:

- ✓ Tip #1: The aspect of positive reinforcement is a critical aspect of the entire training show. Whenever your dog performs his basic duties and tasks with success, praise him lavishly and profusely.
- ✓ Tip #2: Punish the dog when he has failed in his duties to perform the assigned act. Never punish him after the act.
- ✓ Tip #3: Make it a point to take your dog for a short walk soon after a meal or nap.
- ✓ Tip #4: Create a feeding schedule and stick to that schedule without fail.

- ✓ Tip #5: Never leave the feeding utensils near the dog's room except during the feeding time.
- ✓ Tip #6: Get to know those doggy signals! Learn to recognize their invisible signals and actions. For example, many dogs will sniff the floor and walk in circles when they need to go out.



The most critical aspect of housebreaking procedure is to teach your puppy the place where is supposed to eliminate feces and urine. When you set and adapt some important basic rules and regulations, your dog will immensely benefit from them. You can also maintain clean hygiene and cleanliness within your house and surroundings. As pack animal, your dog is expected to listen and respond to instructions from its pack leader.

Here are some more tips that will help you to housebreak your dog:

Note: The recommended age to begin housebreaking is when they are 8 to 12 weeks in age.

Tip: Use a crate while housebreaking your dog. Crates are not tools to punish your puppy. The main objective is to make this crate a sleeping and resting joint for your puppy. A crate is a small cage just enough for your dog to move around freely without any hindrance. It will have a locking door and bars that allow your dog to have an unhindered view. Check that your dog is never confined for more than 3 hours at a stretch.

You may be surprised to know that your dog will never soil his crate, unless you have locked him for an unbearably long time.

- All new puppies need to eliminate every 4 hours, so ascertain that you make yourself free to take him out during these time intervals. Once you

create this tight schedule, you can rest assured of a perfect housebreaking.

- Use the same route while you lead your puppy out of the house; this will make him accustomed to the ritual of going out in the future through the same route.
- Draw a time chart and use this chart without fail. The main objective of housebreaking is to set up a strict routine, so that your dog will know how to recognize and adhere to that schedule.
- If you have a dog that roams around the house freely, keep looking out for telltale signals like sniffing and circling that will help you to take him out before he starts eliminating in the house.
- If you see that your dog is eliminating inside the house, reprimand him with a stern NO and stop him by holding the collar. Take him out immediately and let him finish the job. Praise him lavishly by calling his name.
- Make a habit of urgency in your puppy's attitude by saying words like "fast" or "hurry up" while he is eliminating. This will act as trigger words for the dog to obey your commands.
- When you provide regular and stern commands while housebreaking, they will remain permanently etched in your puppy's brain.
- Use a deep and strong voice while training your puppy. Puppy must know that you really mean business and are absolutely serious. Your dog will start noticing subtle differences in your voice and a slight variation will allow him to recognize your needs.
- When praising him, make sure that you're using a high tenor, happy voice that incorporates his name several times.

General Training Considerations

Puppy training is very important in your quest to own a dog that is obedient and faithful. A well trained dog is a happy dog and it will be a prized possession for its proud owner. The basic aspect of puppy training is to make him completely

obedient and happy for his lifetime. To make you understand how far you can go ahead in your efforts to train your puppy, here are some good ideas about those critical aspects that lay a strong foundation of puppy training:



The basic training consideration should aim at housetraining your dog fully and completely. Training your dog for housebreaking is an easy task unless the dog has an internal and physiological problem. If your dog displays regular accidents during day and night or when your dogs show a tendency to eliminate at shorter intervals, they indicate the possibility of a medical problem or insufficient training.

One of the most important training considerations is that your dog should behave correctly with your family members and visitors, without displaying unusual aggression or violent behavior. A dog that jumps up on your visitor's neck or a puppy that urinates on the legs of a stranger could be an awful experience. The pointer for a bad behavior of your dog is his insistence in displaying and carrying out many unruly and inappropriate behaviors.

Most critical considerations of puppy training are:

- You are dog's true master and not the other way round! Your dog must never pull you down on its leash! If you are used to pull back your dog by the leash, then there is a serious behavior problem!