

# DOG & PUPPY TRAINING

# **Training Hints**

- Train in small steps go at the pace of your dog
  - Taking on too much at a time can be confusing and frustrating for your dog. Break your training down into smaller steps to ensure success.
- All dogs are different and learn at differing rates
  - Every dog will learn at a different rate.
     Do not compare your current dog to any other dog you have had in the past. Your dog is an individual and should be treated like one.



- Do not put your dog into situations in which he is not ready. Make sure you are not biting off more than you can chew. Don't take your dog to Disney World if he cannot behave in the library.
- · Even dogs should get a day off
  - Watch for your dog's overall health. If he is ill, has an injury, or is tired; give him a break. Even dogs should get a "weekend" off.

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## · Always remain confident and positive

- Your dog can sense your emotions. If you are discouraged and frustrated, he will know, and as a result he may not respond as well as he could.
- · End your training sessions on a high note
  - If your dog is doing great, end the session on a high note. Let your dog thing about all the successes he just had.



#### Never correct out of frustration or anger

If you must correct, always be fair. Correcting out of frustration and anger can be considered
as a form of abuse. It is easy to fly off the handle and accidently injure a dog. Never train if
you are upset or angry. Do not hold grudges with your dog. After you correct him, show him
what you want and then praise him. Your dog should be happy to be training with you, not
afraid or intimidated.

### It is perfectly acceptable to go back to the basics

 As we progress and our dogs are behaving well, we have the tendency to become slack with them. Dogs can read this from you and will manipulate you if given the chance. Don't be afraid to go back to the basics to show your dog he still has to follow the rules.









