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INTRODUCTION

Although dogs shouldn't be attributed with having human characteristics, they are intelligent enough to be able to understand the concept of, and execute, certain actions that their owners require of them - if these actions are asked in a way that dogs find rewarding. So, with this rule in mind, owners have to be clever as well and find a way of training their dog that actually works quickly and efficiently. This eBook explains how to achieve this ideal - how to speak "dog" so that you're able to communicate effectively with your four-legged friend.

As with any training, the best time to start is as soon as you get your new pet. The fundamentals for successful housetraining are:

- Crate training is very important so it should be mastered.
- A schedule is required for feeding and exercising.
- Be vigilant and patient throughout the training period.

House training is most likely every dog owner's top concern. And it should begin as soon as possible. That's the very first day your dog comes into your home. If you've adopted a new furry friend and spend months in the home without aiding them to achieve success when it comes to training then his going to set a precedent that you now need to change.

So, concentrate on prevention as opposed to cure. House training comes down to one rather simple skill - being a good dog time manager. And this means managing your pup's time so that you let them have as few chances as possible to make house training blunders.

CHAPTER ONE

Why Dog Training is Essential

Honestly, an untrained dog can be a real pain - a risk to himself, his owner and to other people and animals. Owning an undisciplined dog may result in:

- Destruction to your home
- Social isolation
- Accidents
- Injuries
- Legal claims against you
- Stress to all concerned
- The dog being unwanted

Canines that always get their own way will believe that life revolves around them and for that reason they must be important. Since dogs are looking for controlling different resources than humans, their bid for power usually goes undetected until it's too late. Obedience and house training your dog and ensuring he's not raised to a top position inside the home will keep your relationship with him well-balanced in your favor, as it must be for satisfaction all round.

Safety First

Not only can it be very inconvenient to own an untrained and disobedient dog, but it also can severely have an effect on your health (and that of third parties), social status and financial situation, and often leads to the dog being re-homed, or sometimes abandoned, through no fault of his own.

Common injuries suffered by dog owners are those sustained in the home or out on walks due to their dog barging into them, pulling them along, or being aggressive. Third-party injuries result from people being injured as a result of off-lead dogs ignoring their owners' recall commands and attacking or chasing them, and also through dogs running on to roads and causing traffic accidents. This leads to claims by those third parties pursuing dog owners for injuries and/or damages caused.

Not only does an untrained dog put humans, and indeed other animals, at risk, but he is at risk of injury and even death himself- either from injuries sustained while out of control, or because of being destroyed due to his owners being unable to cope with him and no one else is willing to adopt a canine delinquent.

Good Manners

Some people who own untrained and therefore badly behaved, dogs can't understand why their circle of friends decreases and no one seems to want to visit them anymore. They fail to appreciate that most visitors don't like being jumped around and covered with hairs and slobber. Having a dog that will obey the fundamentals of obedience and house training makes for a less strenuous and more pleasurable life for all involved. If you're continually telling the dog off for doing something you think of as inappropriate, but not instructing him clearly and kindly the proper way to go about things, this results in a very stressful lifestyle for you both - which is distressing and not great for either party's health.

Successful relationships derive from positive two-way communication and respect. If you want your dog to be well-behaved with remarkable manners then you will find that understanding how he thinks will help you achieve this goal and therefore be able to set up a more mutually rewarding partnership with him.

A Good Chance

Training your dog to be responsive with people and obedient to their commands will benefit your dog in more ways than you can think of. Not only will he then be a dog that almost everyone will love and want to own, but he himself will be more psychologically comfortable living in the world of people. Handling and training your dog correctly from puppyhood really helps to stop behavioral problems building and retraining an adult dog can often correct those that already exist.

Why Should You Do It?

Lots of people can't imagine life without dogs. We appreciate and love them for their loyalty, unconditional affection, playful exuberance and love of life. Nonetheless, dogs and people are very diverse creatures. Although officially "man's best friend," dogs have some naive but irksome habits - like jumping up to welcome, barking, digging and chewing- that can make it utterly challenging to live with them. To make the most of your rapport with your dog, you have to teach him a number of important skills that can help him live harmoniously in a human household.

Finding out how to train your dog will transform your and his life, improve the bond between you, and ensure his safety. Plus, it can be a great deal of fun. Canines are usually desirous to learn, and the way to succeed is good communication. Your dog must understand how you'd like him to behave and why it's in his best interest to abide with your wishes.

How Should You Do It?

If you ask around, you'll get all sorts of advice about dog training. A number of people will inform you that the secret is to use a "firm hand"-to ensure that your dog doesn't think he can pull off naughty behavior. Some individuals dispute that you should just use rewards in dog training and steer clear of punishing your dog in any way. Some people insist that all you must do is "be the alpha dog," profess your status as the prominent leader of your "pack." It's very easy to get stressed out by the binge of differing opinions out there.

No matter which technique and methods you use, effective dog training comes down to one thing: controlling the effects of your dog's behavior. If you wish to influence the way your dog behaves, you have to:

- Give rewards to good behavior.
- Make sure behaviors you don't like and inappropriate aren't rewarded.

Understand the Way Your Dog Learns

One of the most repeated complaints of pet parents is that their dogs "simply won't listen." But put yourself in your dog's shoes for a second. If someone was continuously chattering away in a foreign language that you'd never heard before, just how long would you listen closely? Probably not for very long -because you simply wouldn't have the ability to determine what the foreign speaker was trying to convey.

To communicate clearly and constantly with your pooch, you need to be aware of how he learns. Dogs learn by means of the immediate effects of their behavior. The nature of those effects decides how they'll behave later on. Dogs work to get good stuff and prevent bad things in life. Pretty much what people and other animals do. If a behavior leads to something rewarding-like food, a good belly rub, playtime with dog buddies or a game of fetch- your dog will do that right behavior with greater regularity. Alternatively, if a behavior leads to a distressing consequence-like being ignored or losing things he finds rewarding-he'll do those actions less often.

Training is among the most critical facets of raising a dog. The truth is a well trained dog is certainly a happier dog! Why? Because a trained dog needs fewer limitations. The more dependable the dog, the more independence he's given.

And when company comes to your home, you don't need to banish a well-behaved dog to another room for worry that he will be a royal pain. Moreover, because a wellmannered, obedience and house trained dog is both valued and welcome, he gets more attention and connection from members of the family, guests, and passers-by, than does the ill-mannered dog.

You as Your Dog's Pack Leader

Training functions to boost the bond between a dog and its owner. It builds connection, understanding, and mutual respect, and indistinctly but successfully demonstrates to your dog that you're the leader of the pack (Alpha). And if your pooch doesn't respect you as his leader, you may both be in major trouble, especially if he's a bit unruly or dominant by nature.

Training Can Save Your Pet's Life

Training also provides the dog owner the voice control essential to prevent several potential disasters. For example, should a dog slides out of his collar during congested traffic, he can be safely heeled down the street and then given a sit command to ease putting his collar back on. Or should someone unintentionally leave the front door open, and you spot your pet leaving, he can be safely called back using the recall command.

Not only will training aid your dog to turn out to be more receptive, but since it allows you to have immediate control over your dog's behavior, in emergency situation training may save your dog's life. In actual fact, it can eventually save the lives of many canines, because far fewer dogs would find themselves in pet shelters if their owners would take the time to train them.

And for those dogs that do need homes, a trained pooch is far easier to adopt out to a new home than a dodgy one.

Data also show that puppies which obtain an early house, socializing, obedience, and temperament training are much less likely to become destroyed by the time they turn three years of age than those that don't receive this early training.

The Effects of an Untrained Dog

Without proper training, many canines will misbehave. And when owners allow their dogs to misbehave, everybody suffers: The owner, because he/she lives with the dog; the dog's owner's neighbors, since living next to an unruly dog is no one's idea of fun; and ultimately every pet owner, because each occurrence where a dog results in a nuisance increases anti-dog sentiment, and plays a role in the chance that challenging legal restrictions will be put on all dogs.

Training Rewards Everyone

A well-behaved, trained dog is a delight to own because he can go almost anywhere without having to be a hazard or pain to others. And don't you want a pooch who displays appropriate behavior in a crowd, good manners when you have guests in your home, is trustworthy around kids, and who doesn't threaten other dogs or passers-by?

House Training Your Dog

The true secret to house training your dog is to count on your dog's natural intuition and behaviors.

House Training and Dog Nature

Dogs are intuitively clean animals. If they can prevent it, they would prefer not to soil themselves or their usual eating and sleeping places. Dogs also naturally build habits of where they wish to eliminate. For instance, dogs that have a routine of eliminating on grass or dirt prefer to not eliminate on concrete or gravel. You should use these natural tendencies for swift and effective house training.

Setting Up For Prosperous House Training

Set up the Living Area

Give your dog his own bed; this can be anything from an open crate to a substantial cardboard box to a beach towel. At first, he may eliminate in here but when he realizes that this is his special place, he will resist soiling it.

Once your pooch gets accustomed to sleeping on his very own bed, you can move it around the house from area to area, anywhere you go. Confine your dog to his bed whenever you are somewhere other than his special place. If his bed is a crate, just close the door. If his bed is a towel or blanket, put it next to a piece of furniture and leash your pooch so he can't escape from his bed.

Set up the Toilet Area

Second, set up your canine's toilet area (this can be on a walk, in the yard, or a particular part of the yard). Every time your pet must eliminate be sure he has access to this place. Until he builds up a sturdy habit of eliminating here, it is crucial that you accompany him each time. If he eliminates elsewhere, then he'll be creating a habit of eliminating there.

To make things less difficult for both of you, it is best to put your dog on a regular feeding routine. What goes in on a regular timetable should come out on a consistent schedule. If you know when your pooch needs to empty out, then you'll know when you should take him to his toilet area. Healthy adult dogs will (and should) be able to control their bladder and bowels for eight hours.

It is vital that you don't restrain your dog without entry to his toilet area for a long time. If he can't hold it, he'll have to soil himself, his bed or his special place. In such a circumstance, it may become a habit and can take considerably longer to housetrain him.

CHAPTER TWO

The Right Start

In just a short while, you will be impressed by how much you can accomplish in training your dog to respond to your instructions and behave as you wish, providing you address it properly. Don't aim to try everything at one time, particularly if there are multiple areas of issues to handle. To properly start your dog training you have to:

- Find out how a dog thinks and feels
- Have the right equipment and tools
- Keep training sessions brief and enjoyable
- Maintain a progress diary
- Seek out professional help when needed
- Take up a Brain Training method
- Reward desirable actions
- Don't reward unacceptable behavior
- By no means lose your temper with your dog

Commands and Rewards

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