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Beginner Tips For Dog Training

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1. What age should I start using the prong collar?

[Adam replies:] Generally speaking, at about four months of age... when you see the adult teeth begin to come in.

2. What should I be teaching, obedience wise, with 8 month puppy?

[Adam replies:] At eight months of age, there really isn't ANYTHING you can't teach the dog, obedience-wise.

3. When you say pop, when teaching the down command, do you mean I should pop the prong collar? So for example if the dog gets up from down/stay position and walk away, you said to say NO, pop the leash, then say NO all the way back to manhole, then pop the leash again? Do you mean to pop the prong or to guide him into down/stay position?

[Adam replies:] When I say "pop" I mean to tug on the leash. Make sure you're starting and ending with slack. So, you say, "No!" then go to the dog and give a pop on the leash, then walk him back to the spot and reissue the "down" command... and then "pop" downward (or to the side) on the leash and put him back into the down position.

5. What's the difference between obedience training and sport training (i.e. Schutzhund)? Why do they say you shouldn't train your dog in obedience if you want him to be in Schutzhund? (I just want to know for my own knowledge)

[Adam replies:] Schutzhund is a dog sport the incorporates an obedience routine, as well as a protection and tracking routine. The obedience exercises are mostly route exercises, and are not trained in a street-smart context. As for why you supposedly shouldn't train your dog in obedience if

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you want him to be in Schutzhund... this is a myth. Some macho types will consistently over-correct their dog in the obedience phase... and this will kill drive. But anyone with even a shred of common sense will avoid this predicament.

6. What do you think of raw diets for dogs? Worth it??

[Adam replies:] Not worth it. Feed the dog a high quality dog food and your dog will be fine.

7. What order should I teach the dog the commands?(first sit, then down then come?? How should I do it?)

[Adam replies:] I like to teach the "Walk on a loose leash" exercise first, followed by the

curb/street/boundary training, as this teaches the dog what a correction is (if he doesn't know already). Then you can teach exercises in any order you wish. To be honest, the order of basic exercises is largely irrelevant. It DOES become relevant in later training, when you begin chaining behaviors together, such as "Go to the fridge, open door, retrieve beer, then close door."

8. To teach the dog to not run out of the house, when I slam the door I'm afraid it is going to slam on him too hard and hurt him. How do I go about doing it? Do I shut it softly or will he be fast enough to stop?

[Adam replies:] You're thinking too much. Just slam the door shut. Assuming it's not a toy breed, it's not going to kill him. If it is a toy breed, keep your hand on the door and guide it shut. The idea is that the door slams on the dog... not to injure the dog, but to be uncomfortable so that he waits and watches you for the "release" command before walking through. You are the alpha dog. You walk through first. It is your job to make sure it's safe for him to leave the property, and he needs to look to you for the "It's Okay" cue. If you don't give the "A-okay" cue... then bad things could happen. Like the door suddenly slamming shut. Ever sit on a dirty chair and ruin a clean pair of slacks? Once it happens to you, you'll always check first. It's the same concept with the dog.

To read more of my dog training ramblings, read about my book (click below): <http://tinyurl.com/4efaq>
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Dog training requires simple persistence to be a successful and delightful experience for you and your dog. Here are 8 dog training tips to guide you along the way.

1. Dog Training Tips – Get your dog's attention

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Before you can start training your dog you first need to get its attention. You can do this by talking to him and offering him a small treat.

2. Dog Training Tips – Use the correct dog training supplies

If you have a well behaved dog a six foot training lead and a regular buckle collar will do. However if your dog is uncontrollable you should use a training collar. For the right collar size measure the dogs' neck and add 2 inches.

3. Dog Training Tips – For safety in vehicles

Before you introduce your dog to the inside of a moving vehicle you should teach him the 'down!' and 'stay!' commands. This ensures that he spends the ride on the floor of the vehicle.

4. Dog Training Tips – Elimination

When your dog got to go it got to go. To prevent your dog from getting busy on the carpet you should train him to eliminate on command.

5. Dog Training Tips – Praise

Always praise your dog when he learns a new command.

6. Dog Training Tips – Reprimand

Do not hit your dog! Any time your dog is engaging in bad behavior, use the opportunity to teach him the 'stop!' or 'no!' command. Using the 'stay!' command can also be effective in these situations.

7. Dog Training Tips – Play with your dog

This will help in building the bond between you and your dog.

8. Dog Training Tips – Do some dog training everyday

Don't rush dog training. Teach your dog one command at a time and don't move on until he gets it. A little dog training everyday is all that's needed.

Well that's it for my dog training tips. Enjoy training your dog and remember that it takes simple persistence.

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