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Dog Obedience Training: The Options For Man's Best Friend

By Gemma Earnshaw

They are man's best friend, but what can you do when you have a dog, you love it, but it just won't

stop chewing on your best shoes, or polishing its nails on your precious sofa?

Regular training We train them to become, not only more sociable, but also a reliable company. This can be done by taking your dog to a professional dog−trainer, or simply at home, following instructions from books. Since the first option requires time to take the dog to a trainer, to go check on it, and take it back home, most people choose to house−train their pets. However, the second option has many disadvantages, since you are not a professional, and you do not have experience. Many even think, that after the dog/cat learned where "to go out", the training is over. You could not be more wrong.

On−line training There is a third way, a new one, but as efficient as taking your dog to a trainer, but less time consuming. On−line training. Don't think of putting your dog in front of a PC and let it learn from there. Through on−line training I mean visiting sites specialising on dog training. The following few paragraphs will be a guide to a few of these sites.

www.perfectpaws.com Gwen Bohnenkamp owns this site. She has been working with pets since1985 and also, she instructed the first course in Animal Behavior. The site itself is easy to navigate, easy to read, but most important it contains valuable information on training your pets, may they be cats, dogs or even guinea pigs. In addition, you can find tips on how to get closer to your companion, and how to become a certified dog−trainer. The subjects are well categorized and easy to get. If you want, you may purchase online books written by Gwen, herself.

www.dogproblems.com The renowned dog trainer, Adam Katz, publishes this site. It covers almost all aspects of dog training, you can buy Katz's book, which apparently, is the best−sold book of its type on the internet, and join a forum where the topic is no other then DOGS.

www.sitstayfetch.net This is the easiest to use site I could find about dog training. The "mastermind" behind this site is Daniel Stevens, a dog trainer, who wrote the book "SitStayFetch!" On this site you can find testimonials of people who have used his book and the way it helped them.

Conclusion However, you may choose to train your dog, bear in mind one thing: an untrained dog can be more of a nuisance than a friend. So, please, help your dog help you.

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Is Dog Obedience School for You?

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Are you thinking about dog obedience school? Do you know what to expect out of it? Do you know what it costs or where to find a good school?

If not, let me help take out some of the mystery of finding one to make sure you and your dog get the best experience you can.

If you have searched the web in this topic, you probably found some sites that are basically search engines within search engines, no real information about dog obedience schools. Or you might have found some obedience schools that were on the other side of the country. Needless to say, neither one was of much use.

Chances are you have a dog obedience school of some sort in your town, unless you've got a population of less than 20,000. In that event, you might need to opt for dog training videos or books, and I will go over some good resources for that later.

The first thing I want you to do is look for someone with proven experience. You can start in the yellow pages and look under "Dog Training" as opposed to "dog obedience school."

Ask a LOT of questions. These people are going to be molding the mind of your impressionable pup and you want to know that it's a good fit.

Ask things like:

What will the dog be taught?
What is the success rate?
What happens if you're not satisfied
Will you be taught how to continue with your dogs new training?
What are their methods of correction when the dog disobeys?

Visit the facility too. Check it out. Meet the trainers and see how they act with people and dogs.

Ask if you can watch a training session or a video of a session so you get an idea of what your dog will be subjected to.

Don't make a final decision on a dog obedience school until your dog has met the trainers. Dogs are extremely good judges of character.

For the most part, someone in this line of work is going to be a good person and a dog lover. Some, however, will be doing it just to get a paycheck and may not have your pal's best interest in mind.

If your dog doesn't like them... take another route.

You might want to consider the local 4−H club. 4−H is where I learned how to train my own dog as a child. It isn't a dog obedience school in the traditional sense. It teaches kids how to train their dogs, or a friend's dog. It's a youth education program and it provides many facets of education, one of which is often dog training.

Read more about dog training videos if you would like an alternative to dog obedience school.

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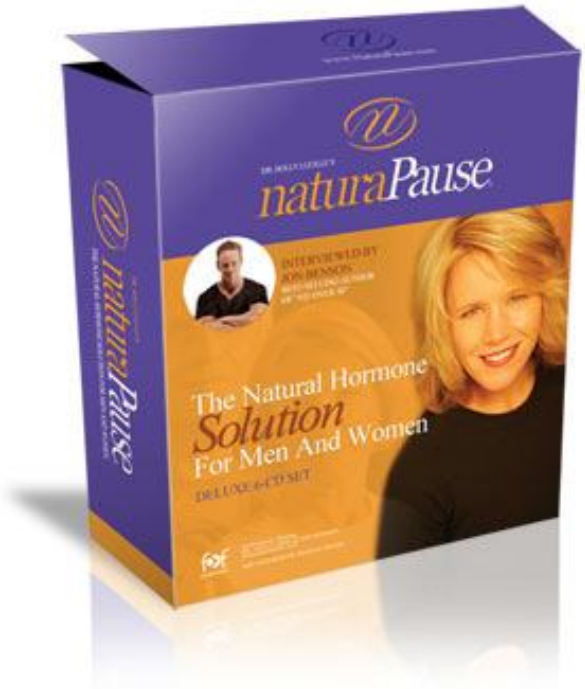

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