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**Teaching Your Dog A New Release Command**

**By Adam Katz**

Dear Adam,

At first, I want to thank you for your information in your book and give us such opportunity to join your forum so that we can discuss and ask about our loving dog.

(To read more about the book she's referring to, take a look at

<http://www.dogproblems.com/secretsbook.htm>

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It's so wonderful and precious to me.

I've also ordered your DVD a few days ago. I'm looking forward to it.

By the way, my problem is not in your book. I read some books and internet before I read your book. One of them suggested to use release command. And it was "OK". So I already taught my pup (9 months) "OK" for release. Now, I've read your book it's not a good idea to use "OK" but I've already taught him and I don't want to confuse him. I worry that if I change that word he think there are two release command.

What should I do? I appreciate any advice.

Thanks, Yumi

[To those readers who are new to my newsletter, we use a release command to tell the dog when the exercise is finished. This means we don't need to give the dog a double command by saying "down" and then saying, "stay". In essence, "down" means go into the down-position and stay there until I come back and give you your release command. There really isn't any time you would tell your dog down and not expect him to stay, and this is why the "stay" command is redundant.)

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Dear Yumi,

Not to worry. Your dog always looks at every day as a new day. So, if tomorrow you decide that Okay isn't the release command anymore, first teach your dog the new release command, I like Take a Break, and then start correcting the dog if she gets up when you say, Okay. Just be sure you don't use the same voice inflection as you do when you say, Take a Break. Remember, the real reason you're changing your release command in the first place: You don't want your dog to accidentally mistake the word Okay in common usage for being able to get up and finish the exercise.

That's all for now, folks! Adam

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### **The Pro's Never Yell Or Scream Commands At Their Dog**

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I never yell at my dog. Never.

Well, okay. There's one exception. And that exception is if: I'm already working with the dog at such a far distance that he can't audibly hear me. And usually this is the case only if I'm teaching the dog to respond to hand signals.

Why don't I ever raise my voice if I'm working with my dog, otherwise?

Because the only thing that raising your voice achieves is to communicate to your dog that you really DO NOT have control.

And since I train with a modified working dog approach, I want my dog to know that I'm ALWAYS in control. Because I'm the "Alpha dog."

Now, if I issue a command, and the dog I'm training does not respond to that command... then I will stop to figure out why he didn't respond. If it's because he didn't understand the command, then I need to go back to basics and do more repetitions. If the dog is simply not responding because he's being stubborn or head-strong, then I'll make my correction more motivational.

But one thing that many observers will realize about the way I work with animals is that my commands are practically whispered. Never yelled or screamed.

In fact, your commands should only be loud enough for your dog to hear. No louder.

So... do you want to know how to spot an amateur dog trainer? He's the one yelling at his dog.

A word or two on consistency and teaching your dog to "come."

If I'm teaching a dog to come on command, it's my job to convince the dog that he MUST come EVERY time I call him. But if he thinks that I'm only going to make him come every other time... or only under certain conditions... then I'll never get the dog to be 100% reliable.

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So, where am I going with this line of reasoning? Well, just remember that you should NEVER give a command that you cannot enforce, until your dog is 100%. And you'll know when he is 100% when his responses to commands are immediate! Even when you're asking him to respond around the most tempting of distractions!

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