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## The Andy Griffith Show (DVD) Review

By Britt Gillette

One of the most beloved shows in television history, The Andy Griffith Show takes its viewers back to a simpler time of small town America, apple pie, and black and white television... The trademark whistling theme song is one of the most recognizable in history, and the duration of the show in syndicated reruns is unrivaled by its peers. The Andy Griffith Show follows the exploits of the small town of Mayberry and its family values, no nonsense sheriff Andy. Widowed, and father to a small boy named Opie, Andy is joined in Mayberry by his sidekick Deputy Barney Fife, his relative and housekeeper Aunt Bee, and a host of other eccentric characters.

But the show stealer is Barney Fife (Don Knotts) who plays the role of a sometimes incompetent, kooky deputy always in over his head. The onscreen dynamic between Griffith and Knotts is truly magical. Both men would go on to heralded careers in show business with Knotts starring in numerous roles, such as Mr. Furley on Three's Company, and Griffith as the title star of Matlock. And Ron Howard (Opie) would go on to establish himself as one of Hollywood's most well-known directors...

This first season DVD of The Andy Griffith Show is packed with some of the best episodes in the show's history. Episodes three and thirty-one feature the talented guitar playing of actor James Best, better known as Sheriff Rosco P. Coltrane from The Dukes Of Hazzard. Numerous other famous faces turn up throughout season one. In fact, if you look closely enough, you might even see the Maytag repairman...

The Andy Griffith Show DVD features a number of hilarious episodes including the series premiere "The New Housekeeper" in which Andy's former housekeeper, Rose, gets married, prompting his search for a replacement. But Opie, unhappy with Rose's departure, doesn't take too kindly to the new woman in the house, Andy's Aunt Bee... Other notable episodes include "The Guitar Player" in which Andy utilizes his powers as sheriff to help a young local guitarist (James Best) realize his dream of playing in a band for a living, and "Alcohol and Old Lace" in which, while on a quest to shut down local distilleries, Andy and Barney are surprised to uncover a trail that leads them to two aged sisters...

Below is a list of episodes included on The Andy Griffith Show (Season 1) DVD:

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Episode 1 (The New Housekeeper): Air Date: 10-03-1960 Episode 2 (The Manhunt): Air Date: 10-10-1960 Episode 3 (The Guitar Player): Air Date: 10-17-1960 Episode 4 (Runaway Kid): Air Date: 11-07-1960 Episode 5 (Opie's Charity): Air Date: 11-28-1960 Episode 6 (Ellie Comes To Town): Air Date: 10-24-1960 Episode 7 (Irresistible Andy): Air Date: 10-31-1960 Episode 8 (A Feud Is A Feud): Air Date: 12-05-1960 Episode 9 (Andy The Matchmaker): Air Date: 11-14-1960 Episode 10 (Stranger In Town): Air Date: 12-26-1960 Episode 11 (The Christmas Story): Air Date: 12-1960 Episode 12 (Ellie For Council): Air Date: 12-12-1960 Episode 13 (Mayberry Goes Hollywood): Air Date: 01-02-1961 Episode 14 (The Horse Trader): Air Date: 01-09-1961 Episode 15 (Those Gossipin' Men): Air Date: 01-16-1961 Episode 16 (Andy Saves Barney's Morale): Air Date: 02-20-1961 Episode 17 (Alcohol And Old Lace): Air Date: 01-30-1961 Episode 18 (Andy, The Marriage Counselor): Air Date: 02-10-1961

Episode 19 (Mayberry On Record): Air Date: 02-13-1961 Episode 20 (The Beauty Contest): Air Date: 01-23-1961 Episode 21 (Andy And The Gentleman Crook): Air Date: 02-27-1961

Episode 22 (Cyrano Andy): Air Date: 03-06-1961 Episode 23 (Andy And Opie, Housekeepers): Air Date: 03-13-1961 Episode 24 (The New Doctor): Air Date: 03-27-1961 Episode 25 (Plaque For Mayberry): Air Date: 04-03-1961 Episode 26 (The Inspector): Air Date: 04-10-1961 Episode 27 (Ellie Saves A Female): Air Date: 04-17-1961 Episode 28 (Andy Forecloses): Air Date: 04-24-1961 Episode 29 (Quiet Sam): Air Date: 05-01-1961 Episode 30 (Barney Gets His Man): Air Date: 05-08-1961 Episode 31 (The Guitar Player Returns): Air Date: 05-15-1961 Episode 32 (Bringing Up Opie): Air Date: 05-22-1961

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more reviews like this one.

## What Andy Griffith Can Teach You About Dog Training

**By Adam Katz**

Some people get worried and excited when their dog is off-leash and he's done something that requires you to correct him. Because the owner is both worried and excited, they move fast toward the dog, concerned that the dog might run off before they can correct him. However, if you've done your long-line work properly and you've laid a solid foundation for your off leash training, there really isn't any reason for you to worry that your dog will run off. So, what does this have to do with Andy Griffith, you're probably wondering? Well, if you watch Andy Griffith on television, you'll notice that the old guy always moves slowly and deliberately. He never rushes and he never looks worried. When you go to correct your dog, this is the same kind of attitude you should have. Be like Andy. Andy never gets angry. He never gets emotional. He just calmly and slowly goes about doing what he has to do, in

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order to reach his goals. Watch Matlock, or the Andy Griffith Show and you'll see what I mean. If you model Andy Griffith's mannerisms when you work with your dog, I can guarantee that your handling skill will increase at a very quick pace.

### Dog Freaked Out Over Pinch Collar

Dear Adam:

I tried the pinch collar on my Westie a few days ago and he freaked out. He hated it, would not move and let out a little cry like he was in pain. Now I am afraid to try it again. Could he be too sensitive for this collar? It was not too tight. After his initial reaction, he then began to skulk around next to me. At the time, I was with 2 trainers who teach in a dog training club I joined. They recommended the collar to me. They said he would get used to it. Any advice? Is there a way to ease him into it?

Buster

Dear Buster:

Yes... if you've got it sized correctly, what's happening here is that your dog is manipulating you. He throws a tantrum and **YOU RESPONDED TO IT AND STOPPED.**

He's training you.

Next time, glue the leash to your belt buckle and just keep walking. Don't jerk it. Don't say anything. Don't coax or baby him. As soon as he learns that you aren't going to stop (may be a bit now that you've already showed him you'll stop) he'll realize that the tantrum doesn't get rewarded and he'll start walking. As soon as he does, **PRAISE HIM... BUT CONTINUE WALKING WHILE YOU DO!**

That's all for now, folks! Adam Dogproblems.com

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