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The Art Of Dog Training & Obedience School

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One of the best things about dog ownership is that they can be trained to obey commands and are able to make a connection with their owner. Dog training requires a certain amount of patience and determination, but will result in a well-behaved pet that your friends and family will adore.

The art of dog training is quite simple, but getting your dog to understand is another story. If you want to teach your dog to sit, begin by giving him/her the 'sit' command and push down gently on their rear while putting another hand on their chest and pushing back gently. This will place them in the sit position. If your dog is resistant at first, keep trying but remain calm and be gentle with your pet. One of the most effective methods of dog training is rewarding your pet after he/she has obeyed your command. Once your dog is in the sitting position, reward him/her with a special treat and praise them for their behavior. This dog training practice can be done several times a day, every day until your dog can sit without having to be guided into position.

It is best to begin dog training as early as possible. If you have a puppy, start early and teach him/her the basic commands. Most importantly, always have a special treat to reward your furry little friend for their behavior.

If you find that you do not have the time or energy for dog training, obedience classes are given in most areas and will involve another individual training your pet in exchange for a fee. The basic commands will generally be taught, along with behavioral techniques. Each instructor has his/her own way of conducting dog training, so be sure to ask about their methods prior to enrolling your pet. Dog training obedience classes usually last for several hours and are often held in the evening. If you are interested in obedience training for your pet, you can learn more information by watching the classified section in your local newspaper for advertisements or by contacting your local veterinarian or animal hospital for recommendations of a good dog training course.

Dog training, if done properly, will make your dog an ideal candidate for vacations and being in situations where a lot of other people are present. Some dogs become very excitable in the presence of other people, but a well-trained dog can be mild mannered in every situation. Even if they are anxious, a pet that has experienced the proper dog training will be a delight to have around and may

also prove to be a safe pet to travel with.

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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.

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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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