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# **Training Your Dog: The Professional Approach**

You have a new member to your family, he's furry and has four legs and loves you for no other reason than for being you. Too many times a new puppy can upset the balance in your household. So to save yourself hours of doggy induce drama as well as keeping your pup happy as well dog training is essential. Having the right approach, coupled with the right knowledge will help you to make sure that your furry little family member is well behaved. Here are four tips that the pros use to train all the dogs that pass through their care.

### Show Him Who Is The Top Dog

In nature dogs are pack animals that follow the pack leader who makes all the decisions for the good of the pack. To stop confusion and back-biting within the pack there is only ever one pack leader at a time. What you need to make your dog realize that you are the alpha male. Taking your puppy for walks and completing obedience training courses can help you to assert your leadership over him. Controlling the amount of food and when your dog gets it is another way of asserting your pack leader status over your dog. If your dog learns that you will feed him twice a day and no more then he will learn that you are the pack leader.

### Treat Him The Same

Professional trainers believe that it is the owner at fault when a dog doesn't follow commands. Where humans see the world in different shades of gray, dogs will only see black and white. People know that "Come" and "C'mon" have become synonymous, dogs on the other hand don't know that they mean the same thing so saying "C'mon" in place of "Come" will only succeed in confusing the dog. Using the same tone of voice and vocal command will help to stop any confusion between you and your dog.

### Obedience Comes from Respect

To build a happy relationship with your dog you must share a feeling of mutual respect between the you. It's not hard to build a bond based on mutual respects you for your position as the alpha male you must respects all of his needs. Respect is not won out of fear, as when animals get scared they strike out and it is not found at the bottom of a pack of doggy treats. The only reward you will get if you treat him too much or are too stern is very erratic behavior, a bond of respect comes from praising him and correcting him properly.

### Only When The Time Is Right

Time factors in to every part of your furry friends training schedule. Over the course of your dogs life he will have picked up habits that will make it harder for you to train him than when he is a puppy that hasn't had time to learn the habits. Trying to train your pet over a long training session can be a mistake. To help keep you dog focused on the task at hand you it is recommended that you keep your trains sessions at around the 15 minute mark to increase that chance that your dog will stay focused. When you take on the role as pack leader timing is essential as well. By eating your meal first and the feeding your dog you are acting like alpha males act in the wild.

Your dog needs to be trained but that doesn't mean it has to be boring for you. Finding a trainer that works for both you and your canine companion is vital as if training begins to feel like a chore you won't want to do it and your dog will pick up on intentions, which we only lead to bad things happening.

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