

PRACTICAL REASONS FOR DOING

Down Stay

- For pleasant mealtimes, place your dog in a down/stay several feet from the table. The Mat can be used to define his location. When the meal is finished, release him and have him meet you in the kitchen for a tidbit from the table.
- To calm a dog when guests arrive, put him in a down/stay at your feet or in his place in the room for several minutes. When he is calm, release and allow him to greet the guests and be petted.

Sit Stay

- To greet guests calmly, take the dog to the door on lead. Insist that the dog sit/stay while you help him accept the greeting from guests in a calm manner.
- To prevent him from bolting out doors, take him to the door on lead. Place him in a sit/stay, walk through the door, turn and call him through the door. Then place him in a sit/stay while you lock the door.
- When medication must be given, place him in a sit/stay and straddle him with your knees behind his shoulders facing the same way he is facing. Use one hand to hold the head and the other to give the medicine. This also works for eye drops.

Stand Stay

- Use at the vet's office to allow the dog to be examined with little stress or strain.
- The groomer will really appreciate a dog that will stand and stay and allow his legs and belly to be brushed and dried.

Recall

- Use whenever you need your dog with you. BE SURE you never call him for anything unpleasant.
- If he should get loose, call him in your most inviting voice. Run away from him if he does not immediately start toward you. When he comes to you, be sure he is REALLY praised and rewarded.

Heeling

- Use whenever you take your dog somewhere or go for a walk and want him to stay by your side without pulling.

Tricks

- Use to show family and friends how smart your pet is. You can also use to reinforce obedience exercises. Tricks are fun. FUN IS IMPORTANT!

Retrieve

- Teach your dog to pick up things and give them to you. Teach him to pick up his toys and return them to his toy box.

Go To Your Mat, Bed Or Place

- Use when you want your dog to go to a designated spot while you are eating or watching television. Make it a positive, comfortable and rewarding place. Do not use for punishment.



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