

5 Training Secrets Your Dog Wants You to Know

If you were promoted to “Dog Owner” during the holidays and celebrated the New Year with a four-legged companion, you probably understand how the smallest terriers can become full-fledged terrors. Your furniture, footwear and assortment of plastic goods will never be the same since you’ve brought the fanged-and-clawed monster home. However, you have to admit that those puppy eyes will get you every time. Looking deep into your soul, Fido or Lassie is bound to make you feel guilty for putting your possessions near their mouth or paws. This is where dog behavior training can help you.

Whether you opt for in home dog training or obedience school, you can start training your dog to prevent the loss of your possessions and ensure that the new addition to your family gets compliments for being a good boy/gal. However, in addition to the daily training sessions, you yourself need to be involved. In that case, your dog has tried sharing five secrets which you probably missed out on because you don’t understand dog as we do. So here they are in English for you to understand and do your best to follow.

Secret #1) “Be Happy While Training Me”

Your dog wants a fun training session. His species in general enjoy learning tricks regardless of age. However, if you start training after losing your temper, he won’t be as ready to learn. In fact, if you start hitting him in an effort to drill your instructions in his little noggin, you’ll get a very aggressive pooch that may savagely attack you in your sleep. So if you’re not in a good mood, don’t train him because your current frame of mind will scare your pooch and may scar both of you for life.

Secret #2) “Don’t Make Our Training Sessions Long”

What most dog owners don’t understand is that their girls aren’t capable of focusing for long periods. A young pup or rookie pooch in training can only handle training sessions for 15 minutes max. An older dog, on the other hand, may be able to concentrate for longer. However, make sure to limit lesson time even then to avoid overwhelming your girl. Another advantage of limiting training sessions is keeping your temper under control. And you know by now how ineffective your training will be if you aren’t in a good mood while training her.

Secret #3) “I Can Do A Lot Without Treats”

If your dog likes being the strongest, leanest, meanest dog on the block, struggling with weight issues is the last thing he’d want. Unfortunately, even he can’t say no to those delicious, meat-alicious, sniff-alicious treats... where were we again? Ah, yes. While your pooch loves a good treat from time to time, he’d like praise from you just as much. So show him that you’re proud of his abilities to carry out your instructions. You can also share your proud moments with friends and neighbors while patting him on the head and praising him affectionately. This will work simply because your dog seeks your approval, love and respect.