



10 Top Tips To Puppy Training



Top Tip #1: The Walk

First train your dog with a food lure and no leash. Once they have learnt to follow you happily for food, then you can slowly add the leash.

Top Tip #2: Food Treats

Get in the habit of training your dog before you feed them their main meal, using some of their allocated food for reward training. This way they are still hungry and motivated and they won't be over fed.

Top Tip #3: Dog's Name

Avoid shouting your dog's name when they're doing something wrong or they won't associate anything positive when you call them at the park. If you have to shout something, use another word or sound and save their name for when they've done well and are going to receive a reward.

Top Tip #4: Off Leash

When you let your puppy off leash for the first time, attach a long, thin line to their collar so you can keep control of them.

Top Tip #5: Biting and Mouthing

If your puppy starts mouthing aggressively, try staying silent as you redirect them onto something else. If this fails then put them on the ground and walk away.



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Top Tip #6: Disciplining

Constantly shouting and smacking your puppy is not necessary and it's too easy to confuse them and damage your relationship. Rather practise using timeout calmly when they persist with unwanted actions.

Top Tip #7: Calm

Before good things happen to your puppy ensure they are calm. The good thing could be food they are about to receive or a door that is about to be opened so they can come inside. Avoid rewarding your dog when they are too excited.

Top Tip #8: Freedom

Avoid giving your dog too much freedom around the house too soon, it can lead to problems such as toileting in the wrong place and chewing. If you don't trust your puppy, then make sure you can see them or that they are in a low risk area.

Top Tip #9: Toilet Training

Roll up any shag pile or thick rugs before your puppy toilets on them. Once they have an accident it can be very tricky to remove all the scent leading to further accidents. You can put them back down in perfect condition when toilet training is complete!

Top Tip #10: Pack Leader

Establish yourself as the pack leader from the start. Whilst command training is fun, it will not ensure your puppy grows up calm and well balanced. This is more likely to be achieved if your dog listens to you and understands that you are the pack leader.

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