



Three Tips for Easy Dog Training that Works

Have a new puppy in the house that can't be calmed? Does your dog refuse to stop jumping on your guests? If you're experiencing dog behavior problems or are having trouble keeping your pet from acting up, it might be time for Fido to learn some manners. But first, you need to learn how to teach him.

Effective dog training takes time, but it doesn't have to be difficult. In fact, we've put together these easy dog training tips to help you get started:

- **Patience, patience, patience.** You can't train a puppy overnight – or expect him to never make a mistake. If you lose your temper or get frustrated you'll only scare, confuse or upset your dog – not make him more obedient. Before you do anything else, remember: dog training requires patience – so take a deep breath, relax and take it one day at a time.
- **Remember the three Rs – routine, responsibility and rules.** This is especially important if you have kids in the house or multiple people who are involved with dog training. Sticking with a routine – for feeding, walking and training your puppy – will help him feel more comfortable and help reduce behavior problems. Knowing who in your home is responsible for each training element will help keep your dog's obedience program on track. And ensuring everyone uses the same set of rules for your pet – like whether he can jump onto the bed or which rooms are off limits – will help keep him from getting confused. Combined, the three Rs will add consistency to your dog's training regimen. And the more consistent you are, the more effective your dog training program will be.
- **Keep Fido feeling calm.** If your dog has recurring behavior problems, keep in mind that it could be more than lack of training. Many dogs act up by jumping, barking, urinating or chewing because they're scared or stressed – not because they don't know any better. Comfort Zone® with D.A.P.® products can be a great complement to a comprehensive obedience training program because they help soothe your dog's fears and stress naturally, helping him feel more comfortable at home. Comfort Zone® with D.A.P.® for dogs mimics the pheromone secreted by a nursing dog to help calm and reassure her puppies and has the same effect on dogs throughout their lives. This will make him less likely to act up, so you can focus on what's important: giving your furry friend the loving, effective training he deserves.

For more dog training tips, check out our pet advice section – and get on your way to a successful training session today with Comfort Zone® with D.A.P.® products. We also recommend you check with a dog trainer in your area for more advice and professional help.