

BASICCOMMANDS



Here is a quick guide to training the basic commands.
You will need a pot of tasty treats and some patience.

Sit	Down	Stay
<p>1) Have your dog standing in front of you. 2) Show him that you have a food treat in your hand. 3) Slowly move your hand and treat above and over his head towards his tail, as you give the command "sit". 4) His head should go up as he tries to reach the treat, and his bottom should go down into the 'sit' position. 5) Give him the treat and praise him.</p> <p>Do not push his bottom down to make him sit, as he is likely to push up against your hand as a result and this may hurt his back. When training your dog to sit, use the command "sit". Do not use "sit down" as this may confuse your dog when you try to teach the 'down' command.</p>	<p>1) Ask your dog to sit and show him the treat in your hand. 2) Slowly move your hand down towards the ground in front of him (just in front of his feet), as you use the command "down". He should follow your hand with his nose and lay down. 3) Give him the treat and praise him.</p> <p>If you have trouble getting your dog to lie down in this way, put an object such as a coffee table or a chair between you and your dog and try again. He will have to lie down to get under the barrier to get the treat. Remove the barrier when he gets the hang of it. Do not push or force his back down as he will push against you and this may hurt his back.</p>	<p>1) Ask your dog to sit or lay down. 2) Take one step away from him as you command him to "stay".</p> <p>Silently count to three. 3) Step back to him, treat and praise. 4) If he gets up, ask him to sit again and repeat the procedure.</p> <p>Once your dog is doing this short 'stay' command correctly, gradually increase the distance between you and your dog and/or the time that he is asked to stay. If he gets up when he is not supposed to, go back a stage to a shorter distance or time, and then increase again slowly until he is doing as he is told every time.</p>

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