



OBEDIENCE CLUB OF DAYTONA, INC
BASIC CLASS, WEEK 1 - BASIC MANNERS

RELAX DOG - Pet all over the body, talk softly. Slow and Gentle

Ears, Legs, Neck, and Back. Pick up each foot and touch toes while rubbing gently

Don't forget the Tail. Touch the collar while treating & gently pull on it.

TOUCH THE COLLAR: and put your hand on the collar to control the dog, he needs to get used to the collar touching if for no other reason than for safety. When he blinks eyes, licks lips, or takes a deep breath he is relaxing. If you take a deep breath, it helps relax you and your dog. Use term "Good Boy/dog or Yes, good job..

You want your dog to accept your hands all over their body. You want to be able to hold your dog's collar with complete authority and control without your dog becoming defensive.

MAT WORK: (Dog on the mat) **WE GIVE THE MAT VALUE**

Drop treats on the mat. After a few times of this you may find the dog wants to stay on the mat. Great! Drop more treats. Teach to keep all four (4) feet on the mat.

Take dog off mat—throw pieces of treat on mat, "Get on your Mat".

Each time he gets on mat—reward. Be positive, use your approval word, YES, GOOD DOG. Only approve and treat when correct.

Repeat several times during each practice. Continued repetitions help in training the exercise.

When he knows the mat, move to a different location and repeat the exercise by dropping several treats on the mat. Reward! Move to a different room and repeat.

NAME GAME: With dog in front of you, take a treat up to your nose. and say dog's name. As soon as he looks at your face/nose give a treat. He **MUST LOOK** at your nose/eyes to get the treat. Drag the treat from your nose down to the dog. **GREAT!** The treat must immediately get to him.

Make sure dog is looking up to your eyes, before treating.

POSITION CHANGES: (SIT—STAND—DOWN)

Sit: Have your dog on your left side. In a firm voice, say “sit” and hold your hand with treat, slowly raise treat up over and back of his head. Let his nose follow the treat for dog to a sit. Give the treat as reward. He will probably stand up, repeat the exercise and treat each time. Use YES as he sits, give the reward.

DOWN: This can be a difficult exercise for some, easier for others. Keep practicing. Hold the treat right on your dog’s nose as you lure them into place.

DOWN - SECOND WAY: Have the treat in your fingers between the two front legs so dog’s nose follows the treat, keep putting further back till he downs. Hold the leash so he doesn’t back up.

STAND: Stand with your dog sitting at your left side, with treat in left hand gently move treat forward. As he stands, give a Happy “YES”! Good dog and give the treat.

DEAD LEAD: Keep the lead in one hand, step on lead so that the dog cannot jump. Keep your foot on the leash as long as dog is jumping. Once he has settled be sure to tell him how good he is in a gentle voice.



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CRITICAL PERIODS

UNDERSTAND YOUR DOG AND LET HIM BE A DOG

0—7 WEEKS

Needs to remain with mom and learn to be a dog. They practice different body postures, learn to bark, learn to be submissive to leadership and to accept discipline.

7—12 WEEKS “SOCIALIZATION PERIOD”

Should be introduced to as many new things and people in a positive, non-threatening manner as possible.

8—11 WEEKS “IMPRINT PERIOD”

Avoid stressful situations. Continue to socialize in a non-traumatic way.

12—16 WEEKS “SENIORITY CLASSIFICATION”

Cutting teeth and apron strings. Will test you for dominance
(discourage this gently)

4—8 MONTHS “FLIGHT INSTINCT”

Testing of his wings and turns a deaf ear. Keep him on a leash for now so undesirable behavior can be avoided.

6—14 MONTHS “SECOND FEAR IMPRINT PERIOD”

Be patient—this will not be as bad as the first. Continue training.

1—4 YEARS “MATURITY”

Aggression and testing your leadership—handle firmly. Some dogs do not mature until 3 years of age. This is not necessarily bad, overly friendly dogs become good watch dogs and bark.