

The Top Ten Tips

Training your new dog can seem like a huge task but remembering just a few key points can really help



The 10 tips...

Tip One – Consistency

Make sure you have set criteria of what you expect from each command. This helps ensure you are consistent with your rewards.

Tip Two – Planning

Plan each training session to ensure you get the most out of it and that you have everything on hand once you get started.

Tip Three – House Rules

Write a list of house rules and make sure every member of the house uses them.

Tip Four – Generalizing

Training occurs everywhere. Take your training to lots of different places and situations.

Tip Five - Reward

Write a list of things your dog likes from likes a little to likes a lot. Use different rewards for different situations.

Tip Six - Duration

Keep your training sessions short doing 3 or 4 short sessions rather than one long one.

Tip Seven – ‘Bite size’

Try and break each new behaviour into small bite size tasks to learn rather than one big thing.

Tip Eight – Don't blame the dog

When your dog gets things wrong ask yourself if it really knows what you are asking of it. Don't just think the dog is silly or bad because it won't do what you are asking.

Tip Nine - Nagging

Give your dog time to just be a dog and be careful not to become a nag. By nagging your dog they may learn to ignore you, which is not something you want to happen.

Tip Ten – Fun

Keep your training fun. See it as a journey to embark upon together and not as a means to an end that has to be done.



It is not the challenges that we encounter when training but more how we overcome these challenges and what we learn from our experiences.

Enjoy your dog and the training journey that you have before you...

