



## Basic Training Tips

- **Training the “Sit” Command:**

The “sit” command is one of the easiest commands to teach and should be taught first. Begin by taking your dog to a place without distractions. Have your dog stand to your side and give the “sit” command. At the same time take your hand and gently put pressure on your dog’s hindquarters. He should sit immediately. Give him praise, but not too much. Make your dog stand and then repeat this procedure ten to fifteen times. Try to do this twice a day for as long as it takes.

- **Training the “Down” Command**

To train the “down” command, have your dog start by giving the “sit” command. When your dog sits, do not praise him. Give the “down” command, then immediately grab your dog’s two front legs and slide them outward, away from his body. This will pull him into the “down” position. Then take your hand and lay it on his back to let him know you want him to stay there. Repeat this command 10-15 times during each training session.

- **Training the “Stay” Command**

Have your dog sit, then give the “stay” command. At the same time, place the palm of your hand in front of his face, then step back two paces. If your dog follows you, then calmly replace him to the original

position and repeat the command. If your dog does stay, then praise him and give him a treat. Each time he is successful, step back one step further. If he fails on a command, then once again replace him and don't step as far away.

- **Training the “Come” or “Here” Command**

The “come” or “here” command is slightly more difficult. Always choose either “come” or “here” as your command. Never use difficult words like “come here”. Also, never call your dog to you to scold him or to do anything he doesn't like, such as: Bathing, brushing, etc.. Start by placing your dog on a leash. Have him sit and stay, then walk out about three or four feet in front of him. Turn and face him and give the “come” command. At the same time, bend down to the ground and show him a treat. If he is hesitant about coming to you, give a gentle tug on the leash. This should get him up and moving. Each time he successfully does the command, step back one foot further and repeat the command.