



K.I.S.S. Your Dog!

(Keep it Simple and Sweet for your dog)

3 Easy Steps to Great Success in Training Your Dog!

Your dog learns from you every moment. They are opportunistic and body language masters. They figure out what works for them. The more consistent you are the quicker they learn.

Step 1: Praise your dog EVERYTIME he does a behavior or action you like!

Examples:

- Your dog is on his bed go over and praise him.
- Your dog is chewing one of her toys give her a treat too!
- Your dog is sitting quietly next to you pet him!

Whatever activity your dog does that gets the most attention, even if it is negative, that activity will become predominant. So focus your efforts on rewarding all the GOOD behaviors your dogs does!!!

Step 2: When your attention is pulled in other directions and you cannot monitor your dog, use management tools so your dog cannot practice behaviors you don't want but can be safe and happy.

Examples:

- Exercise your dog more so he is tired and less active.
- Stand on your dog's leash so she can't jump up.
- Use a tie down to prevent your dog chasing your house cat.
- Utilize crate training to assist with housebreaking.
- Have your dog on a leash attached to you or dragging so you can keep an eye on her
- Use an exercise pen or baby gates to prevent your dog from roaming your whole home

Practice makes perfect! When your dog practices any unwanted behavior, they will only get better at that behavior. When those behaviors are not allowed eventually they go away.

Step 3 Teach your dog behaviors you prefer! Do your training before the unwanted behavior begins or when you and your dog can be successful in the lesson. Remember, baby steps! Reward highly and vary your rewards. Make your lessons fun!

Examples:

- Sit, down, leave it, off, wait or any type of trick.

By teaching your dog behaviors you like and rewarding them, your dog will default to those activities instead