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## **CONTINUE TO PRACTICE AND USE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED**

### **NEW EXERCISES**

- Leave it (command used to insist that your puppy not touch or eat something).
- Catch

### **REVIEW**

- Come
- Down
- Stay in the sit and in the down position
- Retrieving
- Insist that your puppy wait until you exit the house first. Use your release word if you wish him to follow you.
- Controlled walking (remember you are the leader). Use light pops or change of direction to control pulling.
- Be consistent; maintain fair behavioral and home boundaries.
- Teach your puppy words for his toys and behaviors.
- Always take a moment and reward his homecoming greeting with your own equally loving greeting.
- Know his favorite toy, his favorite game.
- Take time to discover how he prefers to be scratched or petted.
- Spend as much time as you are able interacting with your puppy.
- Find activities that both you and your puppy enjoy and set aside time to do them

### **THE BENEFITS**

The amount of time that you invest in developing a good relationship with your puppy during his first year or so of life will reap lifelong rewards, for both you and your puppy. Ultimately, a puppy that is taught what is expected of him is more likely to become one of the best dogs you have ever owned. Your puppy will thank you.



## JUST FOR FUN • SOME EASY TRICKS

### Shake hands

- Say, "Give me your paw" or "Shake", and pick up your puppy's paw.
- Repeat this over and over again.
- Don't forget to praise your puppy even when you are the one picking up the paw at first.



### Play dead

- Give your puppy the down command.
- Get down on the floor with him and gently push on his shoulder to roll him over onto his side say "Bang" in a calm voice.
- As he rolls onto his side, pet him and give his tummy a scratch. If he starts to roll all the way over onto his back, gently bring him back to his side, petting his shoulder as you do so.
- Slowly lengthen the time that he must lay still and play dead. Add shooting your puppy with your finger as you say "Bang".

Do not try to teach this when your puppy is in a wild and active mood. This is best left for the end of the day or after strenuous exercise, when he is ready to rest anyway.

### Catch

- Put a leash and collar on your puppy.
- Hold the leash close to the snap so that your puppy cannot eat any of the cookies that he does not catch.
- Hold a cookie just over your puppy's nose and say "catch", and drop the cookie into his mouth.
- At first, your puppy may not even attempt to catch them. Usually with a few repetitions and the realization that you are not going to let him pick them up off the floor, he will begin to try to catch them.
- After he is catching cookies drop directly above his nose, begin to hold the cookie higher and higher. Then you can begin to toss them with a gentle arc toward his nose.
- Once your puppy is hooked on this game, try a ball or soft toy.
- A variation of this is to teach your puppy to balance a dog biscuit on his muzzle.
  1. Place a bone shaped biscuit on the top of his muzzle just behind his nose
  2. Quietly encourage him to stay still (use the stay command)
  3. Say your release word i.e. "OK, catch" and he will naturally flip his nose and the cookie in the air as he tries to grab it.

### Zig-Zag (through your legs)

- Your puppy is at your left side, stretch out your right leg as far as you can, hold a treat on the outside of your right leg so your dog can see it and encourage guide him under your extended leg, praise and reward.
- Now extend your left leg and repeat.
- At first offer treat for each stride, you take forward, and then make him go through two strides before a reward.
- Add the command "Zigzag" - right, left, right, left, right, left etc.
- Fifteen steps in a training session are enough.