

GETTING STARTED

- Dogs have the right to be trained. They don't know good behaviour; you must teach it. Training transforms
- Training allows the dog to fit in and participate in family activities: companion, walks, jog, play.
- You will learn how to motivate, prevent problems, correct mistakes. Set goals.
- Training methods vary greatly - Decide how
- Compulsive training: forceful correction, rash.
- Inductive training: motivate, reward.
- Trainers should be professionals. They should know & like breeds, personalities, temperaments. Experienced. Up-to-Date on methods. Belong to prof. group.
- Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT)
- National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors (NADOI)
- Equipment: Treats, Leashes, Collars.
 - Leashes are for training, safety, control
 - All kinds: nylon, cotton, retractable, chain link ...
 - Best kind: 6' Leather (for training)
 - Food is the best reward, motivator
 - Work up to long leash - 30' leash - obey at a distance
 - Collars - where everyday - nylon or buckle

Training area: quiet, familiar, no distractions,
Start positive (short session), End positive