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Vocabulary for Positive Training

It is your task as good dog trainer and the owner of a good dog to teach your dog each vocabulary word. Each word represents a task that your dog will perform when prompted in return for praise and reward. (Studies suggest that dogs can understand at least 165 words!)

Each word should be given to the dog and then followed by another word to indicate the exercise is finished - think of it like a game of Simon Says with your dog. "Max, SIT. (*good dog*), Max FREE" or "Max, HEAL, (*treat*) Max SIT, (*good dog*), Max DOWN, (*treat*), Max FREE"

You, the handler control how long each task will be and what the next action is. FREE always indicates the finish and Frees the dog up. Praise and encouraging words are not the indication of a completed exercise.

SIT : Dog assumes the seated position in the exact place they are (this is good to practice on a carpet square or marked floor are so you can maintain place)

*Vocal Sound should be sharp and chipper = siT! ~You may add a hand signal

DOWN : Dog assumes the laying down position in the exact place they are (this is good to practice on a carpet square or marked floor are so you can maintain place)

*Vocal Sound should be sharp and chipper = DoWn! ~You may add a hand signal

STAY : Dog maintains current location and place without moving

*Vocal Sound should be stern but not angry = STAY! ~You may add a hand signal

COME! : Dog returns to handler. Always practice this on a leash or long line.

*Vocal Sound should be sharp and Excited/Happy! = Come! ~You may use body language here by moving AWAY from the dog...

OUT : Dog releases whatever is in their mouth immediately.

*Vocal Sound should be stern but not angry = OUT!~You may add a gutural noise "Grrr", or "Agch"

LEAVE IT : Dog does not investigate and or mouth an object.

*Vocal Sound should be stern but not angry = OUT!~You may add a gutural noise "Grrr", or "Agch"

OFF : Dog does not place their feet, legs or body on person or furniture or object

*Vocal Sound should be stern but not angry = OUT!~You may add a gutural noise "Grrr", or "Agch"

You may use body language here by moving TOWARDS the dog...

HEEL : Dog walks with handler at handlers side, evenly, not in front or behind. Usually at the Left of the handler

*Vocal Sound should be sharp and chipper = HeaL!~You may add a hand signal, by tapping your thigh to indicate position

STAND : Dog stands upright on all four feet in the exact place they are (this is good to practice on a carpet square or marked floor are so you can maintain place)

*Vocal Sound should be sharp and chipper = Stand! ~You may add a hand signal

BACK : Dog pauses and or backs up away from handler

*Vocal Sound should be stern but not angry = Back! ~You may add a hand signal ~You may add a gutural noise "Grrr", or "Agch" You may use body language here by moving TOWARDS the dog...

UP or HUP : Dog goes up onto an area the handler indicates- Loading into a car or onto a piece of furniture

*Vocal Sound should be sharp and chipper = UP! ~You may add a hand signal, by tapping the desired position

FREE : Dog is free to be dog

*Vocal Sound should be sharp and chipper = FREE! - this is every dog's favorite, should be followed with pets and bellyrubs!