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"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." Roger Caras

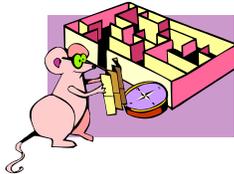
Training Tips

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Training can be a fun and rewarding experience for you and your dog. Here are some simple tips to keep in mind...

First of all be patient when teaching your dog a new behavior -- some behaviors may be easier for your dog to learn than others, and just like with people, each dog learns at his own pace. Try not to get frustrated and give up.



Be consistent -- everyone in your household should be "on the same page." Because this is especially difficult in larger households, consider having a family meeting to discuss how best to train your dog. If you decide to take training classes or hire a dog trainer to come to your home, ask if the entire

family can participate.

Keep your training sessions brief -- if your sessions are too long, you run the risk of your dog (and you) becoming bored or frustrated. A few minutes several times a day should be enough, and remember to end each training session on a positive note -- this will leave your dog wanting more.

Don't rush the training process. Just because your dog can sit and stay for five minutes in the living room with no one else around, doesn't mean he can do the same thing in the middle of the dog park on a Saturday afternoon with ten other dogs there and a little league game going on at the baseball field next to you.

So instead of setting your dog up for failure, gradually increase the difficulty level. I highly doubt a football coach would have his field goal

kicker start at the 10 yard line one day and the 50 yard line the next day.

To keep behavior problems to a minimum, set up some "house rules" for your dog that everyone must follow, such as no feeding the dog at the dinner table. This will help keep him from begging for food while you are trying to enjoy your meal. Even if you and your family don't mind your dog begging, your guests might not appreciate it.



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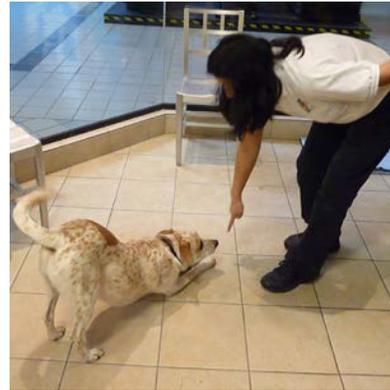
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Wylie's Corner

Sydney had her first birthday last August.



She's learned a lot since she first came home in January 2011; watch, sit, lay (down), freeze (stay), come, take it, leave it, drop it, shake, and spin are just a few of the cues she has learned.

She also likes to make friends whenever we go out. Our dad puts us in the RV and takes us to the dog park or beach about 3 times a week. It's a lot of fun.



"Sydney's BFF – for the day."

We've had a lot of challenges since Sydney first joined our family. She went potty inside, ate small rocks and bark, chewed up slippers and furniture, barked excessively whenever she went outside, etc.

With a lot of training, exercise, socialization, and patience, she has come a long way. Of course being the older, more experienced dog, I showed her the ropes and then taught her

how to play tug with them.

Unfortunately she still likes to eat the serrano and jalapeno peppers in the garden, but I guess we can blame that on the "Squirrel!"



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