

BASIC COMMANDS



Everyone who interacts with your dog must use the same words. Choose words to use for the basic command that everyone will remember. You can choose to use your own words for the commands, the point is to associate the word with the action you want your dog to perform.

Sit
Down - Drop - Lay
Paws Off - Get Down
Stay
Come
Look
Leave It
Take It
Give - Release
Heel - With Me

Pair all verbal commands with a hand signal. Dogs communicate with each other by body language. They will learn what we are asking of them more quickly if we use their language to teach them.

Do not use one word to mean 2 different things. This will confuse your dog and may set training back. If you use "down" to have your dog lay down, do not use "down" to mean get off the counter or to not jump on you, try "paws off" instead.

There are a few other commands that can be useful and are usually personalized to each family.

Wait
Kennel
Rug - Place
Enough
Out of the Kitchen, Bathroom, etc.
Back - Beep Beep

Do not use the word "NO" when correcting behavior, we tend to use the word frequently in our everyday lives. You can use words like icky, yuck, fix it, or a negative sound like uh-uh.