

Puppy Training Hacks for Perfecting the Obedience of Your Pup

You've found your perfect companion: [your new rescued puppy](#) is finally coming home with you. You're a bit overwhelmed, however, what first steps to take in teaching your new puppy training and obedience. How important is dog training? A well-trained dog not only causes fewer issues, but is in fact a happier dog, [according to Pet 365](#). A trained dog has fewer restrictions, is more reliable, and is accustomed to a particular set of standards as opposed to an ill-mannered dog that typically has less social interaction. There's no time like the present to start training your puppy to be your perfect companion.

Prep for the Pup

One of the most important things you can do involves preparation before you even bring your adopted dog home from your local rescue or Humane Society. Decide on a set of standards that you want your dog to follow. Will the dog sleep on your bed or on his own bed? Will your dog have a designated play area? Is he allowed on the couch? Making these decisions and creating hard boundaries will help with consistency and [training when the dog comes home](#) argues Pedigree. In addition, create a "safe space" for your dog: a tranquil bed, den, or crate area where the dog can comfortably retreat to. This will be a valuable space for solace and reward when training the dog.

Basic Bootcamp: Home Training

Now that your dog is home with you, time to begin puppy bootcamp training to have your dog in tip-top shape. Choose a training system that works for you: whether a system of rewards or weekly puppy classes for socialization. Setting up a [clear system with immediate consequences](#) (whether positive or negative) is essential for efficient puppy training. While it's important to help the dog feel safe, relaxed and secure at home, it is equally important to respond to every behavior for your dog to learn what's acceptable and what is not.

Another puppy training hack to make the rest of your training endeavors go easily is to stick to a daily routine. You should wake up, walk, eat, and sleep on a daily schedule to help your dog feel accustomed to a routine. Staying consistent aids in house training and will help the dog anticipate when they get their potty breaks. In these small moments, valuable training also occurs. Does your puppy sit when you put on a leash? Help them learn terms like "heel" or "let's go" on every walk and [reward their behavior when they respond](#) appropriately. These daily interactions within the routine offer valuable training experiences for your puppy.

Sit, Stay, and Off You Go

Once your puppy is accustomed to your routine, you can then begin teaching basic commands. When you are ready to teach commands, it's important to keep your training sessions to a brief 5-10 minutes and to have small kibble style treats on hand, [says the American Kennel Club](#). Focus on one command at a time to not confuse your pup, and before you know it they'll be experts on your desired commands.

Training your puppy might seem like a daunting task. With a little preparation and a consistent routine, you'll have your puppy obedient in no time.