



Why Train?

First, we train because we want a dog who listens to us when we communicate certain words or gestures ...

- Sit, stay, come, leave it, down, heel, drop it, fetch, roll over, shake....

If our pets obey these cues, the result is happy owners. But, many basic obedience cues are vital for their safety. For example, a recall is so important for a dog living near a busy street. A recall might one day save his or her life.

Bridging the Communication Gap

Dogs are non-verbal creatures, unlike their human companions. They are not born with the innate understanding of “sit” and “come,” nor will they learn unless we teach them successfully.

Building Confidence

By showing our pups what they are doing is *correct*, we are building their confidence in making the right decisions. The more cues we teach our dogs, the more behaviors they can perform in confidence. We can't tell our dogs NOT to do something without replacing their bad behavior with a good one. More training leads to more options for good decisions. We all want to be happy with our pups! A happy owner equates an even happier dog!

Mental Stimulation

Our pets are strong creatures for living in a human world, especially our beloved city dogs. They are forced to sit home for endless hours everyday while their owners are playing or working, sit in cars while owners run errands, and rub their toenails on the pavement during long walks. Different from wild dogs, our pets have nothing to think about. They do not have predators, nor do they have an unreliable food source. They are not worried about protecting their young. Rather, they are constantly learning and being trained from their environment on both safe and not safe and what feels good and what leads to bad consequences. So, training is important in zoos, aquariums, and in our homes with our pets for mental stimulation as well as teaching them what we want them to learn, rather than the possibly bad habits that they come up with on their own! We don't want bored, frustrated dogs. Training is a gift.

When our dogs are trained we give them the key to confidence in a human world. The more you train, the more you will see your dog's true personality shine. I want to help you bridge the communication barrier by helping you teach your dog OUR language and equally important, I want to teach you more about understanding your dog's language. Together, we can explore opportunities for new relationships with those you love.