



How to start off training with your new puppy!

From things to purchase to behaviors that are must to implement!

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Introduction

It can be extremely overwhelming buying your first puppy or any puppy for that matter. Getting things started on the right “paw” is extremely important to the long term success of your new puppy. Training is not just a timed session, it is everything we do with a dog. Dogs that are just let out the back door without obedience and being calm can lead to running out the front door and being hit by a car. We as humans can reason that, however dogs cannot.

In this checklist we will discuss a few items to start your dog off with success that will last a lifetime.

Why do you need to read this checklist? Dogs do not reason like humans do. Just like the example given above, a simple thing like letting your dog just run out the back door to play or go potty can lead to them running out the front door. Or how the excitement at the door can lead to 10 minutes of pulling you down the street.

Teach them what you want to do from the very get go and you will have a solid obedient dog that everyone praises you for.

About Me

Hello My name is Joseph James and I am the CEO and Founder of [Professional K9 Solutions](#) and have worked training dogs, dolphins and chickens. Yes that is right chickens. Why? Because regardless of the animal, they are all opportunistic creatures and will do anything to get what they want in their own way.

I founded Professional K9 Solutions after I spent time training and working with both pet and police dogs. One thing that prompted me to start my own business was to help educate owners as much as possible about dogs simply due to the fact that before I was a dog trainer I was like you a lost puppy trying to train a



dog. On top of that, when I sent my dog off to training there was a missing piece to the puzzle, if not the most important piece. I was not educated or trained on how to properly keep up with the behaviors my dog learned and so over time, he went right back into his old ways.

Well that is what I am here to change and the change starts with all of us as a team.

Let's Get Started...

1. Purchase a crate/kennel

Now before you get turned off from reading about getting a kennel for your puppy because you have heard certain things about them, just please read on.

A kennel is nothing more than a safe haven for your pup. Look at it as your bedroom or office to get away from all the activity in your home. I also want you to look at the kennel for a puppy as the crib for a baby. The reason we put infants in a crib is so they don't get into everything and put things in their mouth. I am sure you get the picture by now.

Why is it important?

- Allows for easier potty training.
- Keeps them from being destructive and chewing in the house.
- Teaches them calm behaviors.
- Provides a safe haven and security.
- Helps them adjust to a new environment.
- Assists with anxiety.

Additional Benefits

- Helps with travel.
- Helps when staying at the vet.
- Helps with healing from injuries.

2. Potty Schedule

Putting your dog on a schedule will be one of the greatest things you can do. Dogs that eat on a schedule will be way easier to potty train. I promise you as I have had my fair share of puppies that I had to potty train and when I figured this out, I felt like the heavens opened up and the angels were singing "hallelujah".

Example: You wake up at 630 and immediately take your pup outside to the potty. Then you bring them right back in to eat in their kennel. I will give them 10 minutes to eat then about 30-45 minutes to rest in their crate so food can digest. (I am getting ready for work during this time.) By knowing I gave my dog 10 minutes to eat and not free feeding then I can see if they actually ate and time it to when they need to go out and potty so I am not under the assumption that they ate and then I come home to an accident in my house or in their kennel.

3. Door Manners

What the heck is door manners? Well have you ever heard of a dog running out of the door the moment it was open? What about a dog soooo excited about going on a walk but is dancing at the front door just to get outside and is pulling you down the sidewalk? I am sure you have had it happen or know someone who it happened to.

So what's the exact purpose of door manners?

Door manners is simply a dog waiting calmly at the door and waiting on a command to walk with you out of the door or being released to go outside on their own.

4. Leash walking

Well I saved the hardest one for last! Just kidding. Leash walking can be a daunting task for any dog and especially puppies. However they need to learn it no matter what size they are.

Why is it important:

- Biggest relationship building exercise.
- Teaches discipline.
- Teaches obedience.
- Allows more freedom at given times.
- Compliance with leash laws.
- Avoids accidents or unwanted responses.
- Limits frustration if properly taught to walk.

I hope this was helpful for you...

These 4 simple examples are just the tip of the iceberg.

I hope that it's helped you and that you see the importance of starting your puppy off right with training and structure.

It can provide you with the information needed to make an informed decision that could save you a ton of time, energy and money.

These 4 reasons show you why it's important to create structure instead of your pup creating its own bad habits. By following this checklist, you're one step closer to a solid trained puppy that you will have raving fans talking about.

I'd love to talk with you and see how I can help you with training your puppy and solving obedience/structure problems you may encounter.

I pride myself in working with clients to educate and empower them in training their pup and I'd love to see how we can work together as well.

If you'd like to have a talk with me, let's set up a quick chat today.

Go here and book your spot on my calendar today:

[Schedule a call](#)

No pressure. Just solid advice.

Best of success,

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