

## Dog Training Do's and Don'ts – Training starts with you

### Do

Do use plenty of rewards like treats or even pieces of their food.

Do use equipment that your dog is comfortable and accustomed to such as harnesses and lures.

Do have your dog work for valued resources such as toys. Any time your dog wants a rewarding item, it can be a training experience.

Do build a cooperative and trusting relationship.

Do training often and consistently, make it a game and bonding experience.

Do use short training sessions to ensure your pet remains attentive.

Do allow breaks if the dog begins to lose focus.

Do expect your dog to make mistakes.

Do ask questions and seek professional help if wanted.



### Don't

Don't use force or punishment.

Don't use aversive equipment as this can have negative impacts.

Don't use confrontational methods, this may cause aggression.

Don't train by using intimidation and fear.

Don't expect a dog to learn something consistently in one session.

Don't wait to start training, dogs can learn young.

Don't lose hope when things get challenging.

Don't expect all dogs to learn the same.

