

# Tailored Training Programs

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## \* Basic Obedience - 2-3 week program

### > Week One

#### A. Crate Training and feeding schedule

We introduce your puppy or older dog to a crate as his den area. He will learn to enjoy this as a “safe place” to rest and sleep when you cannot supervise his actions. This is especially important for puppies and dogs who become bored and begin to chew up the house while you are away at work, play, or shopping. Next, we place your dog on a set feeding and eliminating schedule; this is critical as you teach your dog not to go potty in your home. Your dog can be taught when and where to eliminate. We will get this started and teach you how to keep it going as you “transfer this behavior” to your home.

### > Week Two

#### B. House manners

Your dog will be taught not to “jump, bolt out the door, mouth you or the children, to stay off furniture, do not chew or get into the trash”. Your “Best Friend” will be taught to “leave it” and to “go lay down”. These are some of the basics, you may have other “special needs” needing attention. You will work with your dog for two additional weeks for 10 min. each day to “transfer” this new behavior to the “Home Environment”.

### > Week Three

#### C. Leash Work

Your puppy or dog will be taught to walk nicely “by your side” without pulling. He will learn “easy”, “wait”, “watch me”, “leave it”, “come on leash”, and do not jump on the people and dogs we meet in the park or subdivision as we go for a nice walk together. Walks should be a fun, happy time for you and your dog.

#### D. The “Turn Over”

On the day you pick your dog or puppy up, we will show you all that he has learned, and how he learned so quickly. This is called “Train the Trainer”. We will work with you for 1.5 to 2 hours teaching you, showing you, and allowing you to work your dog on every aspect of his training, both inside and outside our home. We will know our session is successful, when you say, “ WOW, we have it!”.

Finally, we will provide you with all the commands (on paper) for basic obedience and ask you to feel free to call us at any time if you should have questions about your dog’s behavior.

## \* Intermediate Obedience - 2-3 week program

### > Week One

#### A. Review and Evaluation

Depending on previous training and a need for a “Refresher”, your dog will be reintroduced to the concepts of Basic Obedience. He will be expected to “Show His Stuff” before we move into the Intermediate Obedience Program.

Next, We will work on increasing his obedience to the basic concept even with distractions to his attention. This is very important in the areas of “Sit Stay” “Down Stay” “Wait” and “Come on Leash”. These concepts were all introduced in Basic Obedience. Your dog will now need to go through what we call “Proofing”. This “Proofing” exposes your dog to “increased distractions” while he is expected to keep his focus on his handler.

### > Week Two

#### B. Hand Signals & Off Leash Work

Next, we introduce hand motions for “down”, “stay”, “sit”, and “come”. We also begin more time “off leash” during training sessions and on walks around our 5 acre property including walks in the pasture and down by the creek.

### > Week Three

C. “More of the same” - beginning to work your dog “off leash” is a big step and takes careful training with a focus on “consistency and persistence”. This phase is continued from the focus on week two. Week three introduces additional distractions as well as in increased duration of obedience for each command. “Proofing” is an important part of week three solidifying concepts learned in weeks two and three.

D. “Train the Trainer” - This will be an identical “Turn Over” as stated in the Basic Obedience Program. On the day you pick your dog up, we will show you all that he has learned, and how he learned so quickly. This is called “Train the Trainer”. We will work with you for 1.5 to 2 hours teaching you, showing you, and allowing you to work your dog on every aspect of his training, both inside and outside our home. We will know our session is successful, when you say, “ WOW, we have it!”.

## \* Advanced Training 2-3 week Program

### > Week One

#### A. Evaluation and Review

When one begins to talk about Advanced Obedience for their dog, they desire to to have their dog 100% off leash and 100% obedient including the area of “come”. The great challenge here is that some percentage of dogs will “choose not to come” if the distraction is too great (boy no bicycle, small dogs, squirrels, etc.).

No dog trainer in their right mind can guarantee a 100% “come” for any dog under EVERY circumstance; this is not wise since you do not have “ultimate control” over the dog’s choice to return to you or cross the street chasing the squirrel!

B. “Electric Collar” is the only option for 100% “come”. If you decide to do Advanced Training, your dog will be evaluated and a review of Intermediate Obedience will be needed. This process usually takes a week to complete. Under “normal distractions” a dog works very well “off leash” with verbal and hand commands. The addition of the Electric Collar allows your dog to be “off leash” all the time. The Electric Collar becomes your dog’s electronic leash. The use of the Electric Collar becomes the way you “reach out and touch” your dog when it will not come.

C. There is much more to discuss here - so let us leave this more detailed discussion to a telephone conversation.