

OBEDIENCE START RIGHT LEVEL 1

The foundation to CREATING A WELL MANNERED PET

What your dog will learn in Level 1:

emotional self control; impulse control; to turn to you for everything it wants; that you are fun.

What YOU will learn:

- 🐾 How to lead the dance
- 🐾 To use physical language instead of verbal (ie, use your dog's first language)

What you need:

- 🐾 Treat bag with dog's food for the day in it
- 🐾 Hands-free leash OR way of attaching your dog's leash to you
- 🐾 Desire to do the work NOW to have a well-mannered dog later

Behaviours:

- 🐾 Sit for everything you want
- 🐾 Leave it
- 🐾 Pay attention to me
- 🐾 Default behaviour when you step on the leash
- 🐾 I love it when you touch my collar
- 🐾 Hand target (beginning of a 'come')

WHY tether the dog to me?

1. Faster training
 - 🐾 If your dog is near you, you will remember to reward good behaviours as they occur.
 - 🐾 If the dog is not near you, you will tend to forget and miss opportunities, which makes training take weeks or months longer.
2. Difficult to practice unwanted behaviours
 - 🐾 Your dog cannot practice unwanted behaviours if he's fully supervised
3. Dog learns to pay attention to you
 - 🐾 Your dog learns that he can't just walk away from you and then get rewarded by something else, such as a dropped food wrappers or your slipper

How long do I have to do this?

- 🐾 If you work at this diligently, your dog will make more progress in a week than most dogs do in many months.

For at least the duration of this class but with adopted older dogs or more difficult dogs, you may want to do this longer.....