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The DO'S and DON'TS of Dog Training



DO'S

- Praise your dog every time he/she comes to
- Give your dog a command only once; if your dog does not respond, reinforce the command and make sure they understand what you want them to do.
- Say your dog's name first to get his/her attention, then give the command
- Eliminate the word "NO" from your training vocabulary and replace with "OFF" or " Leave it" followed by what you want your dog to do
- Use a normal or pleasant tone of voice when you give commands to your dog
- Be consistent in your actions and expectations
- Provide an outlet for your dog's energy (mentally and physically)
- Keep your dog mentally stimulated by training him/her
- Socialize your dog with people and other
- Be your dog's teacher and leader
- Make training and learning fun for your dog
- Consistently reward your dog with praise for the correct behaviors (praise immediately when the dog obeys. If your dog stops obeying the command, stop praising and simply start the command over)
- Continue trying with your dog (repetition and consistency are how dogs learn)
- Be patient! Patience goes a LONG way when training your dog

For More Information:

SIERRA VISTA

WEDNESDAYS:

9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

7780 E. SIERRA SUNSET RD SIERRA VISTA, AZ 85635

SATURDAYS:

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

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NO GROUP CLASS

Join us at the Mutt March!

TUCSON SUNDAYS:

7:30 AM

1st, 3rd, & 5th-if applicable Sunday each month

> **PURPLE HEART PARK** 10050 E. RITA RD TUCSON, AZ 85747

> > 7:30 AM

2nd & 4th Sunday each month

MORRIS UDALL PARK 7200 E. TANQUE VERDE RD TUCSON, AZ 85715

DON'TS

- Do NOT do anything unpleasant anytime your dog comes to you
- Do NOT repeat commands over and over because your dog will learn to ignore you
- Do NOT say your dog's name and expect him/her to know what you want; follow up with a command
- Do NOT yell at your dog; your dog will not want to learn from you
- Do NOT confuse your dog with unrealistic expectations
- Do NOT suppress behaviors that need an outlet; redirect your dog
- Do NOT let your dog shut down, run off, or get out of training at anytime; use a leash and reinforce your command
- Do NOT expect your dog to obey commands you have not taught him/her
- Do NOT get frustrated or too serious in training your dog; remember, training should be fun for both you and your dog
- Do NOT reward undesired behaviors (no physically touching the dog, giving the dog a treat, or verbally praising the dog until the dog obeys the command)
- Do NOT give up when training gets tough
- Do NOT blame the dog; you are the one teaching him/her



