



Phoenix Advice The Golden Rules of Dog Training

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One command - keep the same word. For example "down" for lie down. Don't keep changing it. All family members should use the same words.

One time - don't repeat it. If your dog doesn't do it, lure them into the position or take a short break and try again. If you keep repeating "sit sit sit SIT" your dog will think they have to hear it several times before doing it!

Don't issue a command that your dog doesn't understand - Lure them into it and once the behaviour is established, add the cue.

Keep sessions short and frequent - be aware of when your dog has had enough.

Always reward desired behaviour - be aware of when your dog has had enough.

Always reward desired behaviour – be aware of your tone of voice. Happy and high for "sit" and "come". Drawn out for "wait" and "stay". Gruff and low for "leave it".

Be aware of your body language. If you look threatening, your dog won't come to you. Crouch down. Use a more strong body posture for any rebukes.

Don't expect the same level of obedience in different settings. It is much harder for a dog to listen to and obey a command outside of the home. Make allowances and go back to basics when you take the training into the garden, out on the road, into the forest!!

About Phoenix

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We take in abused and abandoned animals, nurturing them in our voluntary network of foster homes and then placing them in loving, permanent homes. We work with maximum care and attention with a small number of animals at a time.

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