



Te Amo Kennels

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TRAINING TIPS

- Training sessions, especially for young dogs should be no longer than 10-15 minutes long, but you can do 2-3 sessions a day.
- Everyone in the house should have the same rules and the same commands, dogs need everything to be in black and white (eg he is allowed in the house or he isn't allowed in the house, NOT he is allowed in the house depending on the mood of the person at the time!)
- Always finish on a good note
- Tired dogs do not learn as well, puppies tire very quickly
- Find out what your dog will do anything for, whether it be a squeaky toy or food.
- If food is your dog's downfall, here are a few suggestions:
 - When using food for training, use small tit bits, it is a reward only, not a meal
 - Soft food is better as it is eaten quicker, raw mince, cooked liver and cheese are really good tit bits to use.
 - Avoid biscuits, they take too long to chew and this detracts from the training
- Have a lesson plan, decide what you want to achieve
- When things go wrong, don't get uptight, step back and think about what you are doing, the odds are you are the problem
- Use hand signals along with your voice commands, body language is the main way dogs communicate
- Make training fun, if it is a chore for your dog it will be a chore for you and your dog will not learn as well or as willingly

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