

# Training Tips

## Things to Remember!

**Start Position:** Your dog sitting on whatever side you walk them on. The seam of your pants should be in line with your dog's shoulder.

**Release word:** This word tells your dog when her job is done. OK, Release, Free.

**Markers:** You have a very limited amount of time to mark a good behavior 3-5 seconds. If you don't have a treat on you or ready, praise work very well and it is always at the tip of your tongue.

**Corrections:** Unfortunately this is not a perfect world even working in positive methods their will be times we need to correct our dogs. The best way to do this is use the techniques another dog would use, tone of voice (growl), posture, physical contact(poke or pinch) dogs usually nip. Also, we must match the energy level of your dog to give an effective correction. **Do Not** give a correction when mad or frustrated!

**Success:** Always work for success, your dog may work really well one day and not the next. This is normal initially in training. On these not so good days work at whatever level you can be successful, instead of pushing to something you may have previously achieved. Doing this prevent you getting frustrated and the dog getting confused.

**Distractions:** Training with distractions is very important. However we must remember anytime we add distractions we should back up our training.

**Ready Command:** This tells your dog an exercise is going to start.

**Attach an Item to Training:** Use a bandana or a different collar for training. After a while your dog will learn the when wearing this item she is working!

