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## OBEDIENCE REINFORCEMENTS

Commands & Definitions:	Your Notes/ Hand Commands:
<b>Your Dog's Name:</b> A positive pre-command.	
<b>Treats:</b> Treats can only be given if your dog correctly responds to verbal and hand commands. Try treating if your dog does it correctly the first time, not the 3rd (use physical or verbal praise)	
<b>Good:</b> Praise. Used to mark what your dog does good. Example: Good Watch Me!	
<b>Ah-ah:</b> Correction. Say immediately when your dog does something you do not want.	
<b>Ouch:</b> Harm correction. Say immediately when your dog bites, nips, chews, jumps, or does something that can cause harm.	
<b>Ok:</b> Neutral release word. Use to release your dog from a command.	
<b>3 Times Rule:</b> Do not repeat commands or corrections more than three times. Punishment should always be given by third correction, but can be given sooner.	
<b>At Home Time Outs:</b> In the bathroom or small room for two to five minutes.	
<b>Punishments:</b> Ensure that there isn't an alternative solution that doesn't include punishment. Next, choose the appropriate strength of punishment. Punish immediately, and for every instance of the behavior.	<i>Please see "Common Dog Training and Care Supplies" handout .</i>

## PUPPY & BEGINNER OBEDIENCE COMMANDS

Commands & Definitions	Your Notes/ Hand Commands:
<b>Relax:</b> Try not to talk or touch dog for this activity. When your dog is mentally relaxed, your dog will go into a submission position. Do on the side your dog walks on.	
<b>Go Potty:</b> A five step process with a five minute time limit in the potty break area you choose. Keep potty training positive and never punish your dog for having an accident.	<i>Please see "Potty Training Tips" handout.</i>
<b>Kennel:</b> Reward your dog every time they go in to their kennel and lie down. No unwanted barking, biting, chewing, whining, etc.	

<b>Watch Me:</b> Your dog should look directly at your face. This command should be practiced at further distances to strengthen control.	
<b>Sit/Tuck Your Tail:</b> Your dog's tail-end and all paws should be completely on the ground.	
<b>Up/Off:</b> Your dog should get on/off objects.	
<b>Quite/Alert:</b> Your dog should be quiet when you ask. Your dog should bark when appropriate. Examples: Doorbell rings, knocks at the door, suspicious noise, etc. Your dog should not alert for play or non-suspicious noises/sights (butterfly, bird, shadows, etc.)	
<b>Gotcha/Hide &amp; Seek:</b> Your dog should come over to you and let the neckline collar be grabbed. There should be no jumping, biting, nipping, chewing, ex.	<i>Does your dog's collar have the required 2 tags?</i>
<b>Take It/Gentle:</b> Your dog should slowly and gently take treats only when offered.	
<b>Leave It:</b> Your dog should remove whatever attention they are giving to an object and look directly at your face.	
<b>Drop It/In My Hand:</b> Your dog should drop whatever is in their mouth immediately.	
<b>Let's Go:</b> Loose leash walking with no pulling, tight leash end, or switching sides.	
<b>Say Hello/Visit:</b> You should have your dog's control before your dog gets to say hello to another animal, person, or object. If at any time you feel like you are losing control, remove your dog immediately. This command is a greeting, not a play time.	<i>Use the command "Check It Out" for nervous dogs.</i>
<b>Let Me See (Nose, Paw, Ears, Teeth):</b> Used when you need to groom or inspect your dog.	
<b>Down:</b> Your dog's full body should be completely on the ground.	
<b>Stand:</b> Your dog should stand in place without needing to walk to change positions.	
<b>Touch (Nose/Paw):</b> Your dog should touch specific objects.	
<b>Stay:</b> Your dog should stay exactly where you tell them to stay and how you tell them to stay. <i>Example: Sit Stay or Down Stay.</i>	
<b>Go Back:</b> Used as a correction. Dog must go back to exact position and location.	
<b>Come:</b> Your dog should come directly to you without any hesitation. Great places to practice are safe, enclosed areas, like dog parks.	
<b>Go Play/Play Nice:</b> Used to invite safe play behavior with people or other dogs.	