



GOOD SHEPHERD D.O.G. TRAINING

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Lessons from a Sheepdog
(*Faithful Family Friendship*)

Job 12:7-11 “Ask the animals
and they will teach you”

2 Timothy 3:14-17
(For YOU and your dog)



For my students & friends who asked for a copy of my dog training notes:

D.O.G. = Depending On God [*as your own Loving Master*]

YOU CAN SAVE YOUR DOG’S LIFE BY ONE COMMAND!
(Only IF he/she obeys reliably with trust & respect)

This little packet is **ONLY** an OUTLINE of my personal notes to remind my old fading memory. Many of the outline points might need EXPLANATION for you to fully understand and apply them.

Back when I cared for and helped train at the Audubon zoo elephants and many carnivores (*yes – literally lions & tigers & bears, WOLVES, hyenas, etc.*), I also trained dogs on the side as a hobby. Over the years, I’ve gathered successful principles and practices from numerous animal trainers.

Not surprisingly, these effective concepts and methods match the basic principles given by our **Good Shepherd CREATOR, Christ, in His Word, the Bible**, for training all of His “creatures” (Hebrew in O.T. = “nephesh” * = souls = thinking-feeling individuals including many of his animals as well as people, especially children.
(love, praise, consistency, discipline, etc.)

* **PLEASE** see appendix on Animal souls (nephesh) & **YES** they **WILL** go to **HEAVEN** 😊!

Book – LESSONS FROM A SHEEPDOG, by Philip Keller. (It’s mainly a “human” training book. 😊)

YOU are your dog’s **LIFE-LINE**
encouraging & **YES** enforcing attentiveness,
and *instant*, correct responses!
Same reasons a **SEEING-EYE-DOG** must be
Reliable → Trustworthy → **SAFE**



| L.E.A.D. by COMMANDS , <i>NOT</i> by requests (Submitting to your dog's will creates cruel confusion) * SOME of these are just words he knows, not commands. | |
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| VERBAL | VISUAL – only applies to some commands |
| “Scotty” | Blinking Hand = get ready, look, attend |
| NO | Shake head NO |
| Heel | Left foot starts forward |
| Free | Wave arm forward, means OK to play or explore |
| Sit | Finger Horns up (index/pinky) |
| Stand | NONE |
| Stay | Palm with fingers spread |
| Come | Hand/arm normal people come |
| Close | Slap my left side |
| Back | Hand/arm normal people backup |
| Stop | Fist |
| Down | Index finger pointing down |
| Up/Jump | Finger Point to the place |
| Move | Back hand waving back |
| In | Point finger to where I want him to go in |
| Out | Point finger to where I want him to go out |
| Off | Point finger to where I want him to go |
| Find | Say name to find; let him smell clothes; wave out |
| Get it | Arm swing out & point to object |
| Hold | My hand closed over his muzzle |
| Bring | Hand open & closed like telling person to come |
| Drop | Opposite as “bring”. Hand hang down open/close |
| Face-me | Point to my face or eyes |
| Walk | Just take out his leash or vest & he's ready |
| Home | NONE |
| Water | NONE |
| Pull | Wave arm out |
| Yes! Good Boy! Alright! | Thumb up |
| Shake | Arm shaking or wiggle |
| Cookie | NONE |



The **HEART**
of Training
is a

RELATIONSHIP
of Love/Trust!
- NOT just **RULES** -

From **BIRTH** to 4-6 MONTHS ...

- * Lots of hugs, rubs, play, treats & **PRAISE!!!**
- * Establish family (pack) bonds of *love-trust, authority-submission* (role/**RANK**/responsibility).
- * **WOLVES**: Remember that a mother/father WOLF (uses **AUTHORITY** and **DISCIPLINE** to train pups for safely survive & thrive in this dangerous world. Even the **ALPHA** male continues to apply these to all pack/family members so that they work together in peace and unity.
- * **OUR CULTURE'S FAILURE** to balance love with serious consequences is why crime and youth rebellion is so rampant.
- * **NEVER** command unless you are able & willing to enforce obedience.
- * When you **COMMAND**, you must **ALWAYS WIN**, or your dog will become YOUR **BOSS**.



OUTLINE of LESSONS: For Responsible K-9 Character, not “tricks”

FLEXIBLE TRAINING SCHEDULE:

- Lesson 1 - Training “YOU” First**
- Lesson 2 - TOOLS for Training
- Lesson 3 - ATTENTIVENESS to AUTHORITY (Week 1)**
- Lesson 4 - “HEEL”-LEASH (about Week 2)
- Lesson 5 - “SIT” (about Week 2-3)
- Lesson 6 - AUTO-SIT (about Week 3)
- Lesson 7 - SIT-“STAY” (about Week 3)
- Lesson 8 - “DOWN”
- Lesson 9 - DOWN-“STAY”
- Lesson 10 - STAND (for EXAM)
- Lesson 11 - “COME”
- Lesson 12 - “CLOSE” (to sit at your left side)**
- Lesson 13 - POLISH (sharpen *correct* responses)
- Lesson 14 - REMOTE (preparation for OFF-Line obedience)
- Lesson 15 - LIFE-LINE (preparation for OFF-Line obedience)**
- Lesson 16 - USE IT OR LOSE IT (On-going Practice)



LESSON ONE: TRAINING YOU FIRST

PRINCIPLES for Training the GOOD SHEPHERD’S WAY

Theology/Philosophy/Biology/Psychology of Training – see www.soulcare.org (ARTICLES)

- * CHARACTER TRAINING under the MASTER
- * PRAISE, PATIENCE, CONSISTENCY, & REPETITION (DRILL to INSTILL)
- * LOVE is unconditional, but INTIMACY & TRUST are NOT.
- * NAGGING produces Neurosis. Consistent consequences produce a Confident Companion
- * DESIRE for your FRIENDSHIP is the goal for your dog (emphasizing positive consequences).
- * RESPECT for correction (neg-consequences) must be instilled. (Remember WOLVES do it!)
(**NOT** terror of you losing control in an **ANGRY** fit – never do that!)
- * **L.E.A.D.** – so your dog becomes: **L**oved, **E**quipped, **A**ccountable, **D**isciplined
- * Respect for Role/Rank/Responsibilities – (Loving Authority/Hypotasso)
- * Attentiveness & **SELF-Discipline** (Independently-Dependent on the MASTER)
- * SIMPLE PHYSICAL REALITY - like tied to a tree or a car, not manipulation
- * FAIRNESS – Don’t *personally* tempt your dog and then punish him for failure.
- * If interested, see my related articles online from decades of family counseling.
- 2 Timothy 3:16 (Teaching, Reproving, Correcting, Training the Right Way)



LESSON TWO: TOOLS

- **PRAISE & PATS!!!**
- Train Chain COLLAR (Regular Chain or Fur Saver Chain)
- Leash (6 ft. ¾ leather, brass)
- Tab (6-8” 5/8 Paracord, square knot)
- Long Line (15 ft. 5/8 start with Paracord, then reduce to strong string)
- LIFE Line (60-100 lb test strength fishing line)
- Train Chain BALL (throw-chain)
- WHISTLE for long distance calling or when noise drowns out your voice.

LESSON THREE: ATTENTIVENESS – Eye to Eye

*** LOVE, PATIENCE, & CONSISTENCY!**

PRINCIPLES:

- * Teaching your dog to ATTEND & FOLLOW your WAY, NOT his own way
- Use 15 ft. LONG line
- Dog should be at least 4-6 months old BEFORE FORMAL Training
(in younger months you can gently teach “sit”, “shake”, etc.)
- It can enhance train-time if for an hour before training you restrict food & play.
 - * This is so the training time becomes like a JOY, not a JOB for your dog.
- **NO verbal cues** (You need to be SILENT during this exercises)!
- Choose a place with landmarks (trees, wall, etc.) about 50 ft. apart.



DAYS 1-3: No temptations, just practicing a pattern (About 1Week, 2x's Daily 15-20 minutes)

- Walk purposefully WITHOUT any command to a landmark.
- Stop, look around, & rest 2-3 minutes WITHOUT any interaction with your dog.
- Repeat toward other landmarks for 10-12 minutes until return to starting place.
- END CALMLY and leave your dog ALONE for 30 min. or so to relax and think about the previous training time. This makes your dog associate training time as FUN-time with you.

DAYS 4-7: Now ADD NATURAL temptations (Plus, YOU TURNING to go the way YOU want.)

- When your dog dashes to temptations, you SILENTLY, SUDDENLY WALK the opposite direction.
- * DO **NOT** give subtle cues that you are turning. This teaches your dog to have to watch you, always.
- Hold the line firmly close to your waist and KEEP GOING **QUICKLY** at bit like a football player!
- YES, the slack will run out and your dog will be surprised at being suddenly forced around by the lease.
- * IF YOU HAVE A **TINY DOG**, then be firm but CAREFUL in your force as you turn and march
- * He will NOT think you are MEAN, but that you are SILENTLY PURPOSEFUL without warning.
- * He will intelligently start WATCHING YOU carefully, knowing that you do not warn when turning.
- ** Remember, a dog eventually STOPS jerking when tied to a TREE & NEVER thinks the tree is mean!
- * This is MORE HUMANE than people who constantly jerk the lease angrily repeating, “Heel, heel ...”
- **INCREASE TEMPTATIONS** over the next 4 days
- * Constant LOVE, PATIENCE, & CONSISTENCY!

GOAL = ABSOLUTE ATTENTIVENESS IN ALL TEMPTATIONS!!

DO NOT GO ON TO FURTHER LESSONS UNTIL THE GOAL OF THIS LESSON IS ACHIEVED!

**THIS FOUNDATION CAN
SAVE YOUR DOG'S LIFE
IN THE FUTURE.**

(Like when a squirrel or cat runs across the street and a car is coming. If your dog follows the temptation and not YOU, then he gets run over.)



LESSON FOUR: HEEL (To Shape Correct Patterns)

* **PRETEST** to see if YOU and your dog are ready to move on to this lesson . . .

Use the 6ft LEASH - Stand by a wall with the six foot training leash attached & loose.

- Have a helper appear & DISTRACT (bouncing ball, another pet on a leash ...)
 - As soon as your dog notices the distraction, you turn and trot the opposite direction
 - Dog SHOULD attend & quickly follow so the line does not get tight as you move.
- * Holding your dog responsible for accuracy is vital for future safety in traffic, etc.
* Surprise and momentum are important for increasing attentiveness.



CRUEL IS NOT COOL – EVEN misguided “compassion” can be very cruel!

- * A dog tied to a tree quickly learns to stop jerking the rope AND NEVER HATES THE TREE.
 - He simply realizes the TREE does what it does, so he doesn't try to make the tree follow him.
- * Your dog won't think you are mean, so long as you don't yell or hit him or look & sound mean.
 - He will simply decide it's WISE to focus on you and follow to avoid the leash consequence.
 - He will think that you don't know how to warn him before you change directions (so he must watch).
- * It is cruel if YOU timidly SUBMIT to your dog (by warning him with cues before you turn).
 - It is even **worse** to **weakly** TUG constantly on the leash while yelling:
“Heel, Heel, Heel” over and over again as **HE DRAGS YOU** along.



PREP for each Training Session = for an hour before training, restrict food or fun play

YOUR POSITION = dog heels (walks) one foot to your left & his head parallel to your body
LEASH is held with right thumb in loop. Hold slack in right hand so angles across your knee.

* This allows you to release slack by simply opening your hand.

START as a **command** (NOT a request) and begin walking with your LEFT foot so he can see it.

* Say “SCOTTY, HEEL” (ONLY **ONCE!** Do NOT NAG.)

PRAISE occasionally when he is heeling safely and correctly.

TEST him with DISTRACTIONS. (It helps him practice trust/attentiveness/obedience)

TURN RIGHT suddenly (pivoting on your right foot whenever he forges ahead and cannot see you.

PRAISE as soon as he returns to a correct and submissively safe heel.

INCREASE DISTRACTIONS & **VARY** SPEED & DIRECTION (slow, trot, run, trot, slow ...)

END CALMLY, saying “FREE”, and then you both enjoy 15 minutes of play.

PROBLEM ISSUES:

FORGER - If he forges ahead and is quicker than your right turning corrections, then sometimes turn left into his neck/head with left leg. Do NOT kick, just turn quick enough so leg bumps him uncomfortably.

DRIFTER - If he drifts around to your right side instead of the correct left side, then make a sharp right turn around into him and keep going the opposite direction. When he corrects his position, PRAISE him.

SLACKER - If he lags behind or lies down, then you ignore him and WALK HARD.

He WILL follow you due to simple physical necessity. NO WORDS, just WALK.

GRABBER - If he grabs the leash in his mouth (some dogs think this is a fun game), then with both hands PULL the leash straight UP each time he does it. (NO WORDS)

POSTER - If he walks to the left of a post or pole and hangs up the leash, then you simply keep walking hard which drags him around the post. Your dog is SMARTER than you think and will quickly learn that a post means he should get close to your leg not around the post! (Give him room to stay next to your leg.)

* **POLISH** the pattern, by repeatedly practicing many times daily (for only a few minutes at a time) heel your dog toward **increasingly** tempting distractions and apply the above methods **consistently**.

LESSON FIVE: SIT

* Even if your dog already knows the command to “Sit”, you should **reteach** the process again with the effort to instill **accuracy and consistency**.

PROCEDURE -

Heel for a while and then as you prepare to stop:

- hold the leash (right hand) high enough so his head will be kept up
 - come to a stop
 - use your left hand to gently hold his back/waist
 - give ONE command, “Scotty Sit”, and gently push/squeeze his rear down to a sit.
 - **PRAISE** him instantly when he sits
 - * This is **NOT** a sit-stay so he does not have to stay.
 - Now give the “Heel” command and return to a normal heel training pattern
 - * Use varying speeds, distractions, etc. so your dog learns that “Heel” is not just for slow walks.
 - ** Repeat pattern of heeling, stopping, commanding “Scotty Sit” & SHOWING him the accurate way.
- PRAISE** and PAT/RUB each time he obeys correctly.
** Continue this for days even after he regularly sits beautifully.



PROBLEMS:

SIDE SITTER – If he tries to sit sort of facing your leg instead of parallel to you, then practice coming to a stop with a wall or fence very close to your left side. That way he cannot turn his rear to face you, but must sit parallel to you and the wall.

PRAISE & PAT when he sits correctly.

SLOW SITTER – First be certain that he does understand the command and your expectation to sit. If he stubbornly delays sitting and tries to avoid it, THEN:

Give the command to “Sit” **ONCE**.

After about 2 seconds, if he is still standing then PULL the leash UP with sufficient correction.

- * It is cruel to timidly and weakly tug up, which teaches him to keep challenging you instead of obeying.
- * This could cost him his life later when he fails to obey you and runs into the street.
- * Nagging and tugging produce neurosis and a poor relationship full of continual conflict not peace.
- ? TREATS can help in the beginning. BUT they can become expected so it’s best to use praise/pats.

LESSON SIX: AUTO-SIT (Silently with **NO** verbal command)

PRETEST – he is ready for this lesson after he automatically sits at about HALF of your STOPS

PROCEDURE –

- Practice past pattern of heeling around distractions, stopping, etc. ...
 - **PRAISE** each time your dog automatically sits when you stop.
 - **CORRECT** your dog **authoritatively** if he has not started sitting within two seconds by sternly PULLING UP on the leash (**WITHOUT** giving any command).
 - **PRAISE** each time he sits. (**EVEN AFTER** BEING FORCED BY A **CORRECTION!**)
- * **NEVER** quit/end the training time until he has been willingly following YOUR LEAD without challenging your authority (leadership).

LESSON SEVEN: Sit-STAY (with verbal and hand commands)

GOAL = Your dog stays in the EXACT position until given a new command.

* Head moving is OK, but NO feet or butt movement

PRACTICE: past heeling with distractions, stopping, auto sitting, etc.

- At an auto sit, ADD tension UP on leash; command “Scotty Stay”; with hand signal in his face.

- After command, then STEP OUT with your RIGHT FOOT

so you FACE YOUR DOG, keeping MILD upward leash tension.

- As you stand in front, add some gentle UPWARD tugs on the leash, to show that tugs DON'T mean to move (**PRAISE** as your dog stays)

CORRECTION is VITAL!

* Leash must PULL him in the OPPOSITE DIRECTION from his disobedient movement.

* If he moved to his left, then your leash must PULL him back to his right.

If he moved forward, then your leash must PULL him backward.

- Keep leash tension upward, and then reverse YOUR position back to his side.

- Release leash tension and **PRAISE/PAT/RUB**

- Return to practicing past patterns

- **Repeat 15x's during this training session.**

- On about day 4 of the sit-stay, repeat the pattern about 3-5x's

- Then on about the 4th sit-stay, RELAX LEASH TENSION so the belly of leash sags to the ground.

- Step back about 4 feet and stop only for about 5 seconds.

* **PRAISE periodically yet CALMLY as he is STAYING, so he can FEEL the JOY of success!**

- Calmly REVERSE your steps and RETURN to his side.

- Each day GRADUALLY increase TIME on the sit-stay to about 1 min by day 6 and 3 min by day 10.

(Plus vary your movements - kneel in front of him, jump up and down, run around, etc.)

- By the 7th day, start returning by going around him counter clockwise to test/exercise his obedience.



LESSON EIGHT: DOWN

* **DON'T** teach the “down” by **stomping your foot on the leash (it is the WRONG WAY)**

- TEACH the “**DOWN**” command by **GENTLY** placing him down
- YOUR POSITION IS CRUCIAL (*MEMORIZE & PRACTICE IT*)
 - * You squat to the right rear of your dog so he cannot back up or scoot left
 - * Left hand holds his collar / right hand **under** dog’s right ankle & **holds** dog’s left ankle

PROCESS:

- HEEL to AUTO SIT
- COMMAND “Scotty Down”
 - * Get into position and simultaneously slide his front legs forward as you press him down
 - * **PRAISE** as soon as you can FEEL him GIVING IN TO (submitting to) your pressure
 - * **PRAISE AGAIN** when he is finally down on the ground
 - * IT’S NOT A STAY so let him get up
- HEEL again and resume past patterns - PRACTICE the “DOWN” FOR 4 DAYS
- DAY 5: Can now **CORRECT HIM ONLY AFTER** he fully **UNDERSTANDS** the command.
PROCESS ... at an auto-sit, step out and face him about 20 degrees to right of his direction
 - * Hold leash 6 inches from dog’s train-chain in both hands and up under his chin so it’s slack
 - * COMMAND only **ONCE**, “SCOTTY, DOWN!”
 - * If he OBEYS then PRAISE.
 - * If he REFUSES, then CORRECT with an **effectively** strong, PULL DOWN & FORWARD.
- After about 25 TIMES of obeying “DOWN” with you out in front of him, then you can try it at his SIDE

LESSON NINE: Down-STAY

- Same as the Sit/Stay, just now in a different position (down)
 - Correction is with an effective **PULL BACK** to where he was told to stay
 - Add distractions including your movements (like walking around him, stepping over him, etc.)
 - * BUT NEVER **INVITE** him to do something and then correct him. (= unfair temptation)
 - DAY 4 (Your dog should be able to STAY for about 3 minutes)
- ** CONTINUE PRACTICING THE **PAST PATTERNS, NOW WITH DOWN/STAY ADDED**



LESSON TEN: STAND (for EXAM, etc. ...)

(Can be started at the same time as the DOWN-STAY)

** PANICKY DOGS MIGHT NEED TO START WITH A SIT-EXAM PRACTICE

*** NO SWEET-TALKING WILL TRAIN A PANICKER/SHRINKER TO STAND-EXAM

* Key to an emotionally stable dog when approached by strangers

- COMMAND ONCE, "Scotty STAND!"

- TEACHING STAND: Heel to a stop auto sit, then with right hand holding leash, use left to reach over the small of his back and under the belly. Raise rear to stand. (Finger TAPS on belly might be enough.)

* Don't pull up on the leash or it will signal him to sit

* If he tries to sit, then gently raise

- STAND for 10 seconds, then PRAISE, then HEEL forward one or two steps, STOP Auto Sit.

- Practice this 10 times daily for 5 days

- Teaching STAND for EXAM: after 5 days of standing

* Command STAND (lift him, since there's NO NEED for him to ever stand on command)

* Command STAY and walk around just as you did for the sit/down stay

* CORRECT with quick effective PULL BACK to position just as with the sit or down STAY

* Practice this for 4 days

- HELPER/STRANGER: After 4 days, introduce the "approach-touch" by helper/strangers

* EXPLAIN to your helper how to approach at first

* slow, smooth, nothing sudden, confident, not too close, hand dangling but not yet reaching out

- PRACTICE 2 DAYS without any touching, then at day 3 let helper carefully touch

* CORRECT just as previous stays

- AT 21 DAYS he should be trustworthy when examined by a stranger

* **WHEN TO START THE NEXT LESSON on "COME"?**

About 7 days AFTER you BEGAN instruction on the DOWN-STAY and STAND-EXAM

LESSON ELEVEN: COME

* TOOL = 6ft LEASH

- Heel to a stop auto sit.

- Command "Scotty Stay" and walk out in front.

METHOD -

- Command "Scotty COME" and REEL him into you holding the leash up to encourage sitting at end.

* Demand specific, perfect position which helps him focus attention on you.

* Position is about 1 to 2 feet in front of you and looking at you

* If you let him do a sloppy job then he will always try to do less than his best!

- PRAISE "Yes" or "Good" as he comes in AND when completes the COME.

- Then command "HEEL", make a right about turn and continue walking.

* Practice 10x/day for 3 days at which time he is ready for the "CLOSE" Command (next lesson)

** Practice ACCURATE "COME" on LEASH 100's of times BEFORE any OFF leash practice

*** SEE Lessons 14 & 15 for additions of the REMOTE and the Long LIFE-LINE
to enhance this safety command/response!



Lesson 12: CLOSE (to your left side, sitting, & ready)

TOOL = 6ft Leash

GOAL = your dog comes, sits in front of you, then at command “SCOTTY **CLOSE**” he walks clockwise around behind you until he is in the correct heel position, sitting & waiting for your next command.

PROCESS for Training “CLOSE” =

- * After he comes and sits in front of you,
 - then hold the leash in your right hand **BEHIND** your **RIGHT LEG**
- * Command “SCOTTY **HEEL**” and take steps **backward** applying leverage pull with your leg
 - he will “heel” (follow you) trying to keep you on his right side just as he learned for heeling)
- * As you backup, pass leash around behind your back and around to the normal front leash grasp
- * As your **DOG** goes **BEHIND** you, then **YOU** quickly begin walking **FORWARD**.
 - he will come around to auto-heel with you at his right side as he has already learned by habit
- * You continue walking with him at a **HEEL**, then stop and he will auto-sit by habit
- ** **PRAISE** him when he auto-sits.

CORRECTING THE “CLOSE”

PRACTICE the “COME ... CLOSE” 10x’s / day for 4 days **BEFORE** **CORRECTING** the CLOSE.

- * **NEVER** CORRECT unless your dog **UNDERSTANDS** what you are commanding.
- * **ONLY** CORRECT when you know your dog is **REBELLING**, not just confused!!!

CORRECTION is applied as your right hand is secure behind your right leg, with 6” slack in the leash.

- * Command **HEEL** and if he lags then correct using your **LEG** to **PULL** your dog to you.
 - * As he follows to your side then step forward as you pass the leash around behind to front.
 - * **IF HE SLOWS** behind you or tries to sit behind you then **RUN** a few steps **FORWARD**.
- * **IF** you demand, enforce, and **PRAISE** instant, correct behavior ...
... **THEN** HIS confidence, reliability, and happiness will increase.
- * The collar **TAB** should now be attached to the collar for 2 hours after training during your dog’s relaxed-time so he gets used to it.
(The **TAB** must be short so he doesn’t step on it when walking.)

*** **BEWARE** of the **DANGER** of the collar/tab getting caught accidentally on an object and **CHOKING** your dog!!



Lesson 13: POLISH (DRILL till you INSTILL habitual CHARACTER)

- * **TOOL** = 6ft LEASH and **SOFT COMMANDS** so learns that volume is not the key to obey
- * 7 Days to sharpen all 7 exercises and strengthen CHARACTER
- * **GOAL** is to test/distract until like a SEEING-EYE-DOG he is RELIABLE & SAFE for him & others!
- * **DISTRACT** – Test reliable responsiveness with NEW& BETTER temptations
- * **ACCURACY** must be expected and ENFORCED consistently.
- * **VARY** with RT-TURN 3 RUNNING STEPS, then SLOW, then TROT, etc.
- * **CORRECT** with **POWER**-RT-ABOUT-TURNS, and LEFT-TURNS using LEFT-KNEE

- AUTO-SIT - some trainers recommend a hand-chop if his rear pivots away from your leg??
- if he scoots out in front of you then say heel and walk over him with calm/force
- DOWN - correct to reverse back to position with a STRONG PULL.
- if he tries to please you with an AUTO-down, don't correct but limit slack to prevent
- STAY (sit/down) - use corner of a building to hide behind (can also use a mirror if he is to SIT-stay)
- use long-line on tree/pole when FAR away (attach before remove "leash")
- COME - NO DISTRACTION WITH **COME** since the REMOTE is soon
- Enforcing proper position is the key (correct sloppy responses / PRAISE good ones)
- CLOSE - Enforcing proper position is the key (correct sloppy responses / PRAISE good ones)
- STAND-EXAM
- increase distance the helper approaches so looks more like a stranger (50 ft)
- vary the direction the helper approaches and increase the exam adding touching, etc.

Lesson 14: REMOTE (= simple & safe "throw-chain" = extension of YOU)

PURPOSE = Psychological NOT Physical Impact, to convince your dog that you CAN & WILL enforce commands even with no leash & no matter how far away.

NEVER –for lagging back. Don't let him see it thrown or picked up. Never miss

(* You might need many throw-chains so don't have to pick up each time)

*** LEASH should be used at first to ensure association link with correction

PROCESS:

- Command "FREE" while on the leash, so you and he can wander near strong distractions (temptations)
- When he gives in to a distraction, then give a CALM COMMAND: "SCOTTY COME".
- If he delays for a half second, then REMOTE his rear, REEL him quickly until he is in front facing you.
- Then command, "CLOSE" and take a step back to encourage him to go around behind you to "CLOSE".
- When he is sitting at your left side, command, "FREE" again, and go back near the same distraction



PROGRESS: (be sure to change distractions the day's progress)

- Training time should be balanced between half as REMOTE training & half as review of old skills.
- CORRECT "heeling" by remote 2 days after you start REMOTE (ONLY if he goes ahead, not lagging)
 - * After heeling correction with the remote, silently keep walking and praise as he heels
- DOG CHARGING AHEAD can also be corrected by the Remote days later (IN or OUTSIDE house)
 - * be sure to have the LIFE-LINE on him so he won't run off
 - * DON'T CALL but just PULL/reel him to you and DON'T PRAISE since he charged
- SET HIM UP with new and surprising distractions

Lesson 15: LIFE-LINE & Remote-CHAIN (Prep for OFF-Line Obedience)

PURPOSE = Psychological NOT Physical Impact, to convince your dog that you CAN & WILL enforce commands even with **NO LEASH** & no matter how **FAR AWAY**.

TOOL = Long, strong light, fishing line (50-100 feet) (60-100 lb strength depending on dog's weight)

- Your dog must NOT be able to break the Life-Line!!!
- * You might need a glove to protect your hand from the thin line.

PROCESS = similar to the past leash and long-line training, yet now with your dog much farther away from you.

- Command "FREE" and let him play or explore as you hold the LIFE-LINE securely in your hand.
- Walk around as if you are not paying attention to your dog so he can play.
- Make sure there are distractions (temptations).
- SUDDENLY & CALMLY Command "COME" (NOT forceful or scary)
- **IF** your dog hesitates for more than two seconds, **THEN**:

* Remote him if possible with the throw chain or with the E-collar if too far away to ensure a chain remote. (* **SEE APPENDIX FOR E-COLLAR USE**)

* PULL & REEL him to you with sufficient force to make it effective.

(Your dog must "feel" and understand that it is not "safe" to hesitate.)

* **PRAISE** him as soon as he is **WILLINGLY COMING** to you without you pulling.

* IF he fights or pulls against you for many feet as you try to pull him to you, **THEN** turn and run directly away from him **WHILE DRAGGING** him behind you. When he is finally running with and toward you, then **PRAISE** him and let him run the rest of the way to you.

** As he gets near, COMMAND "**CLOSE**", so that he goes around to the proper side and auto-sits.

Lesson 16: USE IT OR LOSE IT –

Training = Ongoing Practice to establish a Life Pattern of CHARACTER

- **HUMANS** forget rules and lose skills if we don't regularly practice, like algebra and Greek, or how to play a sport, or **how to train your dog**.

- **YOU** must NOT get lazy and allow disobedience or sloppy patterns.

- **PRACTICE** the patterns in your daily activities with your dog.

* Most of your dog's day will be "FREE" to lay around and play.

- **SCHEDULE** periodic practice times to polish patterns.

- **EXPAND** & **ENHANCE** your relationship with your faithful canine companion by **ADDING** new skills that fit your situations and needs.

** **PLAY** and **PRAISE** constantly so that the foundation of your dog's image of you is always **FRIEND** as well as **MASTER**.

PRAYER: "Dear **GOD**, help me become the person

MY DOG THINKS I am!"



APPENDIX A: **Animal Souls & Heaven!**

(see online pamphlet: http://www.soulcare.org/docs_pdf/Brochure-PETS-IN-HEAVEN.pdf)

Reducing cruelty, restoring broken lives, exposing deception, helping seekers find the Truth (John 14:6) in an age of uncertainty, requires repairing the only foundational cornerstone on which to rebuild - His Way (Isaiah 53:6). The cornerstone must be the consistent character of our Creator, as He has revealed Himself to be - the Good Shepherd. For God has clearly made known that the fullness of His care extends to all of His "nephesh" creatures that He originally designed to live in peaceful harmony - all creatures great and small - both nephesh animals and especially people. (Lev 17:13-14; Pro 12:10)

God's priority repeated throughout His written Word (graphae) and seen most clearly through His only begotten Son, Jesus (John 1:1-5; John 1:18) is clear. It is His concern for the weak, vulnerable, and oppressed who suffer spiritually and physically at the hands of predatory people. This is the Good Shepherd's biblically-revealed priority, therefore consistent compassion is the only accurate reflection of His glory (Heb 1:1-3; Isaiah 1:23).

"**Nephesh**", throughout the Hebrew Old Testament, especially in Genesis, is used in exactly the same grammatical form for both animals and humans - "nephesh chayah". Yet it is translated as "living soul" for humans, and as "living creature" for animals due to tradition, not due to grammar rules ([Gen 1:20](#), [21](#), [24](#), [2:7](#)). The concept means a being that can think and feel – therefore experience joy or suffering. Sadly, the "traditional" translation differences have hidden God's true biblical revelation about His nephesh animals and made it easier to people to misuse and abuse them.

Human nephesh is unique ([Gen 1:26-28](#); [Gen 2:7](#)) in that we can think and feel about God and so are responsible for our choices. We were created in God's image in a special way with a greater purpose. Animals were not designed to have the capacity to know God personally, so they cannot rebel against Him and are therefore not accountable to God like humans. Instead of focusing on our *rights* as humans, the Good Shepherd expects us to focus on our *responsibilities* as humans to treat His creation and His creatures His Way ([John 14:6](#)).

Christians and non-Christians, who sincerely care about suffering, often mistakenly address cruelty and abuse concerns in a fragmented way as if these issues are separate - mutually exclusive. Some focus on creation, many on education, others on counseling for the abused, and some only on the protection of animals.

Effectively dealing with this cancerous problem of cruelty and sinful oppression requires that we begin with a consistent view of our CREATOR, the GOOD SHEPHERD whose nature is to sacrifice self for the needs of others. He is never a Great Predator who would sacrifice others for selfish desires.

Churches (*some*) as well as some Christian organizations have become social clubs and entertainment centers, serving primarily the providentially privileged, while millions of children and women are being enslaved, abused, tortured, and murdered here and abroad. In a related way, many Christians mock those who are concerned about animal abuse. Even worse, many Christian hunters glory in how the suffering of animals doesn't bother them - ignoring the biblical mandate that hunters show reverential respect for the suffering and death of nephesh animals ([Lev 17:13-14](#)) after the global catastrophic flood ([Genesis 9:3](#)). Sadly, I and so many other Christians have at times dishonored the Good Shepherd by presenting the opposite image of His [character](#).

Please pray as I refine and refocus GOOD SHEPHERD INITIATIVE (SoulCare.ORG) to more effectively and efficiently fit His priority. To serve those who are suffering the most, I'll be reworking the website, writing more, and when time allows traveling to educate and motivate others. Together those of us who agree about the *cancer of cruelty* can multiply practical assistance to those in the most desperate need.



APPENDIX B:
Recommended Resources
to further train YOU & your dog

WILL BE ADDED SOON

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