

## DOG TRAINING SERVICES AGREEMENT

**Please fill out form and email back before session.**

Owner Name:
Mobile phone that can be texted:
Address:
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Dogs Name:	Breed:	Sex: <b>M</b> or <b>F</b>	Age:

**Please mark all answers that apply.**

- **My dog(s) are spayed/neutered.** Yes Not yet, but we plan to Not planning to
- **How old was your dog when you got them? Where from? What Breeder or shelter?**
- **Number/type pets living in house.**
- **Does your dog, or anyone have food allergies?** No Yes If yes, to what?
- **Dog has medical conditions/ takes daily medication** No Yes
- **Are vaccinations current for age?** No Yes
- **When do you feed them? Meals or free feed?**
- **What brand of food? (be specific)**
- **My dog started a fight with another dog.** No Yes If yes Explain.
- **Does your dog get exercise, and in what ways?** Playing inside Plays in yard by self  
We play together in yard They get daily walks Walked every other day We go running  
Other --
- **How does your dog react toward children and adults?** Loves everyone Adults only Children  
over age of 10y Fearful/ Shy around new people Growls, barks, lunges at guests in home  
Offensive aggression (moving towards, lunging, chasing, hackles raised)  
Defensive aggression (protective, fearful, might back up or hide, body crouched)  
Other--

- **Reaction to another dog--** "carefree" Under control around other dog Seeking out other dogs, pulling, vocal, playful Assertive, pulling, running towards, lunging, barking, growling Fearful, crouched down, may back away, stand close to, or behind you Other--
  
- Other animals?** No problems No cats No small animals Other--
  
- **Have they used potty pads?** Never Years ago, not anymore Yes, currently Yes, but working on going outside
- **Are they Potty trained outside?** Yes 100% Yes but a few accidents a week We are trying, but still have daily accidents
  
- **Dog has bitten a person, drawn blood.** Never Accidentally while playing Bit when person got near food or treat Bit while guarding/playing with toy or bone Bit/attacked a person in self-defense, or defending another Has bite history, attacked, and severely injured another. Other
  
- **Have you ever used a choke chain, prong collar, shock collars, or other correction collar?**  
No, never In the past, but no more Currently using a.....
  
- **Average number of hours your dog is left alone each weekday?**
  
- **Please describe your dog's behavior when left alone at home (without people)**
  
- **What is your dog's reaction when a guest or stranger enters your home?**
  
- **Do you use a crate or pen for confinement?** Yes Yes but not anymore Never
- **When do you crate them?**
  
- **If you no longer use one, why did you stop?**

Main reason for training – Behaviors problems

What is the biggest problem, at the top of your list, you would like to work on?

Please explain as much as you can, in detail!

### **Services:**

Trainer agrees to provide private lessons for Client and Dog on a lesson-by-lesson basis, the goal being to teach Clients how to train and work with their dog. These lessons will take place at Client's home. Trainer will make every reasonable effort to help Client achieve training and behavior modification goals but makes no guarantee of their dog's performance or behavior by providing professional dog training consultation.

**Client understands that he/she and members of the household must follow Trainer's instructions as demonstrated, work with dog daily as recommended, and constantly reinforce training given to their dog.**

I want to concentrate on one dog per session, if you're having problems with more than one dog, please make a separate session for them, you can make an 2-hour appointment, and work with one dog separately, for 1 hour.

CHECKS, CASH, AND CREDIT CARDS EXCEPTED.

**Please make out Checks out to "Patient Paws" Thank You!**

\* In some situations, there are so many things to cover, that time runs past our original set time. I do my best to stay on time, but when there are many things to talk about, **we can run over. Please make sure you pay the full amount.**

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**"I agree** and understand that the elimination or modification of behaviors is not guaranteed, and training may not provide exact results. I understand that dog training may involve risks to me, and/or members of my family. **I assume** all risks associated with participating in this training and will not hold Rebecca Mason, (*Patient Paws Dog Training LLC.*) responsible in the event of injury to myself or a family member.

**I agree to** comply with the instructions, rules and decisions of the training instructor as it relates to myself or my dog's ability to safely complete each training session. **I agree to assume all responsibility for any damage done to property or personal possessions,** of Rebecca Mason, (*Patient Paws Dog Training LLC.*) done by my dog's actions.

**My signature below gives permission for any resulting photographs or video containing** images of my dog and/or myself to be used for advertising, educational material, or promotional purposes."

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### **Items you need for training sessions**

- 1) **A treat bag/pouch, zipper purse, or fanny pack. Something to hold treats on your person. Please do not use a zip-lock bag, or your pant pockets! IF YOU DONT HAVE ONE JUST ASK!** I have several that you can borrow or purchase.
- 2) **High quality soft TREATS,** having a variety keeps your dog guessing and interested.
- 3) **A sturdy leash, properly fitted collar** or harness is required. (more at end showing how to check if collar if fitted correct!)  
**No Flexi leashes please! NO CHOKE CHAINS, PRONG COLLARS, OR SHOCK COLLARS!** Collars for invisible fences are fine, but not as a main collar.
- 4) **A notebook!** Please do not hesitate to take notes! We can go over so much it can be hard to remember!

All dogs learn the same, but they learn at different rates. Many influences come into play when determining how much you can expect from a puppy at any given age. Some breeds of dogs, such as the Poodle and Shepherds, are notoriously bright and catch on to training very quickly. A typical poodle puppy can be reliably house-trained in just a few days. Dogs who have a stubborn streak (terriers), may take a little longer. Expectations also depend upon how diligent you are in your training. The less amount of time you spend working with your dog, the more time it will take for you to see a difference in their behavior, regardless of the dog's intelligence.

## How I Prefer to Train



- Rewards and Motivation
- Shaping and Modeling
- Marking Correct Behaviors
- Luring and Capturing behaviors
- Alternative behaviors



- Removing a toy, treat, or attention
- Classical conditioning
- Extinction and Extinction Bursts



When you first stop reinforcing the bad behavior of your dog, instead of getting the message immediately, it's more likely your dog will turn it up a notch. ... He may increase his barking or start pawing at you, hoping you finally get the message. This is what's known as an extinction burst.

## I DO NOT USE THESE METHODS

### Positive Punishment

THESE ARE OLD FASHIONED METHODS, AND PROVEN TO MAKE DOGS MORE AGGRESSIVE, AND FEARFUL. These techniques are commonly associated with Cesar Millan and his many tv shows, like The Dog Whisperer.

- \* Dominance
- \* Alpha role( pack leader)
- \* Rubbing puppies face in potty accident.
- \* Physical Correction- Pinching, kicking, smacking, spanking pushing, or hitting.
- \* Flooding

Flooding is prolonged exposure therapy. Forcefully exposing the dog to the stimuli that triggers its fear and caused the original trauma.



Please do not watch or use methods used on these shows!!!!

### Negative Reinforcement

-REMOVING a BAD stimulus to INCREASE the likelihood of a behavior: The stimulus can be a toe/ ear pinch, physical handling, or an electric collar.

- \*An electric collar to reinforce a come when called.
- \*Toe or ear pinch when teaching fetch.
- \* Physically pushing/pulling a dog into position.
- \* Releasing tension after choking on a choke collar.

Yelling, threatening aggression, and using physical force are not acceptable or effective ways to modify a dog's behavior. Because these techniques will not work, a person might mistakenly think they need to try harder to assert their dominance by being even more aggressive, effectively blurring the lines between training and abuse. Ultimately this will lead to a different set of problems. If you're "lucky," your dog might just try to calm his nerves by chewing things around the house. But you might also end up with a dog that bites you the next time he feels threatened.

IN THIS EXAMPLE: The reinforced behavior is LOOSE-LEASH WALKING.  
The punished behavior is PULLING ON THE LEASH.

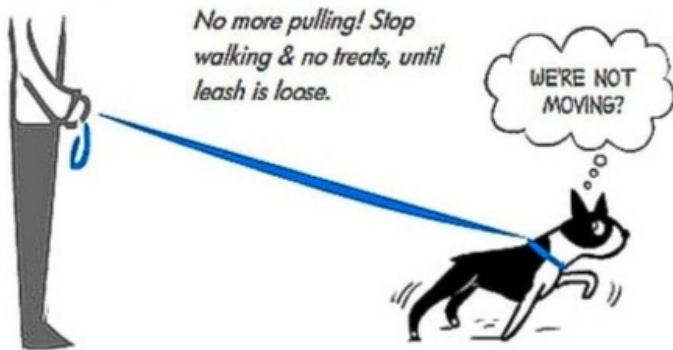
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**POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT**  
ADDING GOOD STUFF TO  
INCREASE A BEHAVIOR



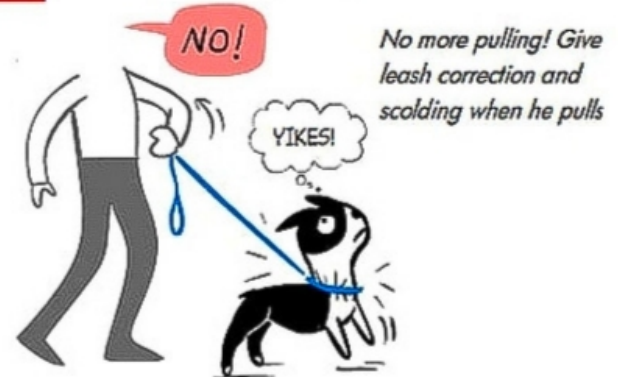
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**NEGATIVE PUNISHMENT**  
DELAYING GOOD STUFF TO  
DECREASE A BEHAVIOR



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# Be positive when training, not forceful



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## What to do when Trainer arrives-

- PLEASE TRY TO EXCERSIZE HIGH ENERGY DOGS AND PUPS
- Please do whatever you typically do when someone comes over. **For example:**

\*Do you usually put them outside? - \*Do you leash them? - \*Do you put them in another room or crate? - \*Do you let them greet people at door as they come in? - \*Do you take them outside to greet?

- Electronics such as a TVs, games, radio, etc. need to be turned off, mute, or vibrate during any time that I am there working with you and your dog. I need to concentrate and the less background noise the better our session will be for all of us!

**\*I want to see what normally happens so I can see a typically reaction or “greeting”.**

\*\*\*If your dog usually jumps on people, PLEASE DO NOT yell at them, just ignore them so I can really see their reaction! \*\*\*\*\*

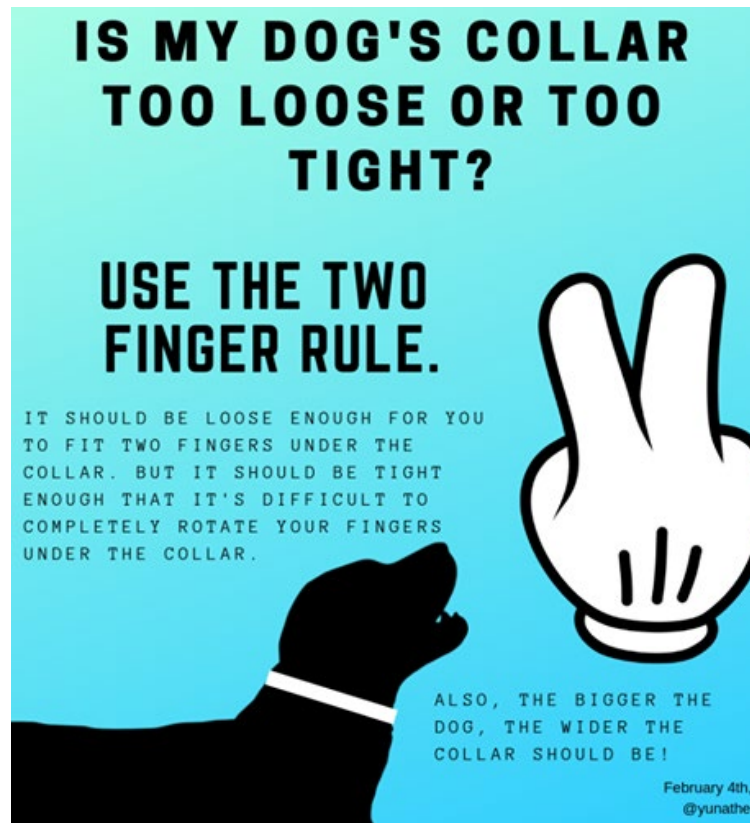
- **I come prepared for many situations, so I usually have my large toolbox rolling around with me.** So please do not be alarmed by it.
- Please pick the largest room for us to work in. The more room the better!

## Who should be present for the session?

- Your family, Friends, Neighbors, Babysitters, anyone who comes over often. It saves you from having to explain everything from our session multiple times. It is beneficial to listen, watch, and learn the first time around. Kids are welcome if they are interested. If your dog chases, tackles, nips, or mouths your kids, it is important that they learn what to do during those situations! The more people “on the same page” with training the quicker you will start seeing results from your dog(s)



- **Use the “two finger” rule:** Once the dog’s collar is fastened, you should be able to easily slide just two fingers under the collar. When you slide the width of your two fingers between the collar and neck, the collar should feel snug, but not tight. You should not be able to slide your dog’s collar off his head, or your dog can slip out if they really want to.



### REMEMBER TO HAVE

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- Plain Cheerios (yes, the cereal) low calorie, small, won't spoil dogs appetite.
- PureBites Chicken Breast, Beef, Duck Freeze-Dried Dog Treats.
- Blue Buffalo soft treats. There are many different kinds, just make sure you can break them into small pieces.
- Zukes mini naturals -many different flavors.
- **Fruitables -lots of choices**
- Have soft treats that can be broken into small pieces. Cut up chicken or turkey is wonderful! VERY SMALL quantities of plain Hot dogs can also be good.
- Please **NO** milk bones, pupperoni, bacon strips, or any manufactured by Purina, Pedigree or Gravy Train.

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us a rating on our Facebook page and Google  
1-5 stars! Thank you so much!

