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Here are a few helpful hints for controlling your dog:

First, your dog is NOT a human and does NOT understand our language. The more you talk to your dog, the less your dog listens to you. Keep things simple and use the following words for your dog's vocabulary.

- NO** – word used for negative reinforcement
- SIT** – resting upon the haunches from a standing position
- UP** – resting upon the haunches from a down position
- DOWN** – to assume a position flat on the ground or other support from a sitting position
- COME** – to approach and assume a sitting position directly in front of you
- HEEL** – to maintain an obedient position close at the heel of your left side
- HUGGIES** – to allow the dog into your personal space when invited
- OFF** – to stop the dog from violating your personal space
- STAY** – to cease from motion and maintain a sit or down position
- GO PLAY** – to release from stay position and allow motion
- PLACE** – to walk to a designated location and assume a down position until released
- INSIDE/OUTSIDE** – we want to encourage you to use the stay command at doorways and allow the dog to enter and exit at your signal.
- LOAD/UNLOAD** – a signal to allow your dog in or out of the car

Second, in order for you to achieve total control of your dog, you must be viewed as the leader of the “pack” by your dog. In order to be viewed as a leader, follow these two simple rules:

- RULE 1** – no one challenges the leader. Don't participate in games that encourage challenging behavior. Examples of these games are: rough housing, wrestling, tug of war, and chasing games.
- RULE 2** – No one violates the leader's space. In the world of your dog, your space exists wherever your odors are prevalent, such as where you sleep, your favorite chair, etc. Do not allow your dog to “move-in” on these spaces.

Third, be consistent. Your dog will follow the rules and commands better if he/she lives in an environment where it knows the rules. Consistency is the only way to aid your dog in understanding what is expected of it on a day-to-day basis. It is important to interact with your dog everyday in order to establish a respectful and happy relationship.