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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. Talking to your dog on arrivals and departures can have a negative effect on your dog because it can overstimulate their emotions. Over time this can lead to separation anxiety including negative behaviors of excessive barking, destructive behaviors and extreme escape behaviors. 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

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 three 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.

RULE 3: Do not tolerate demanding behaviors such as jumping on you, barking for attention or barking to demand food. Give the dog attention and treats for doing training for you not for demanding attention or food from you.

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