

Sit

Manners are an important part of life.

Teaching your puppy basic training cues is fun and rewarding, for both you and your puppy.

There are many different training cues you can teach your puppy. The following are great for learning puppy manners and are the basis for more advanced cues.



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**REMEMBER TO BE CONSISTENT, USE
POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT AND
KEEP TRAINING SESSIONS SHORT
AND FUN.**

'Sit' is your puppy's version of saying 'please'. Once they learn this cue you will notice your puppy using their 'manners' in a variety

of ways. 'Sit' is helpful for many experiences, like putting on a collar, and is the basis of many other behaviours.

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With the treat in your hand, slowly move it upward and towards your puppy's back.



ONLY INTRODUCE THE CUE WORD WHEN YOUR PUPPY CAN CONSISTENTLY MOVE INTO THE CORRECT POSITION.

1.

Show your puppy a treat and allow them to sniff it.

3.

As your puppy follows your hand their nose will point up and their bottom should ease down to the floor.

4.

As soon as your puppy's bottom meets the floor, reward.



If your puppy is jumping for the treat hold your hand lower and move slowly.



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Step by step:



A "TREAT WORD" LET'S YOUR PUPPY KNOW WHAT THEY HAVE DONE IN THAT MOMENT IS CORRECT AND A "TREAT IS COMING". A TREAT WORD CAN BE THE WORD "YES" OR A CLICKER NOISE.

As soon as your puppy's chest meets the floor, reward.

PUPPY MANNERS

Down

The 'Down' behaviour cue is excellent for large puppies and those who forget to keep all four feet on the floor. It is great as a basis for mat training and to practice handling.

1.

Show your puppy a treat and allow them to sniff it.

2.

Lure your puppy into the sit position.

3.

Move your hand in a 'L' shape by using the following two hand movements:

- Once in a sit position move your hand down in between your puppy's feet. Your puppy's nose should be near the ground and in between their feet.
- Slowly move your hand across the floor and directly out in front of them.

4.

As your puppy follows your hand their arms should relax and they should lay down.

5.

PUPPY MANNERS

Stay / wait

Asking a puppy to sit still for any period of time can be challenging. The world is an exciting place after all. Teaching 'stay' or 'wait' can provide safety and control in situations like getting out of a car or when opening a door.



Step by step:

Ask your puppy for a 'Sit' or lure them into position.

When your puppy is ready, you can build up the number of steps and the duration of time before returning.

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Repeat, this time when you say the word 'Stay' take a small, slow step back and immediately forward again.

If your puppy does not move say your 'treat word' and reward immediately.

Slowly show your puppy a flat palm, using the hand without a treat.

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Repeat, this time when you show your puppy your flat palm say the word 'Stay', once, in a friendly voice.

If your puppy does not move, reward.



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PUPPY MANNERS

Come

Having a puppy that comes when called makes every day events and trips to the park so much easier. It is arguably one of the most important cues to teach. Ensure you practice in a variety of settings.

Step by step:



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. ASK YOUR PUPPY TO "COME" OFTEN AND IN A VARIETY OF SETTINGS, NOT JUST WHEN IT'S HOME TIME. KEEP IT HAPPY AND FUN.

Once your puppy gets to you reward your puppy with the items you were showing them and give lots of praise.

Get your puppy's attention by calling their name.

- Start at a small distance before moving further away.

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1. Have treats and toys ready.

3

As soon as they look at you show them the treats and toys by shaking or squeaking them and make fun, interesting noises.

- Do not say the word 'come' at this stage.
- Be as exciting and happy as possible.

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When your puppy starts running towards you say the word 'come' once in a happy, friendly tone.