

A good article to take in and follow. We believe this came from someone in a Minnesota Chapter and the credit goes to the Author.

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## **Basic Do's and Don't s of Dog Training**

1. You should have a game plan prior to the start of all training sessions. Know what you want to accomplish and how.
2. You should know which exercises should be executed with others. Some exercises can neutralize others.
3. You should know which exercises should follow or precede others.
4. Again, **have a goal** for each training session.
5. The best policy is to always use and carry a lead. Do not trust previous training alone.
6. Do not yell commands. You don't want the dog to be afraid of you. To him/her, you are their only friend during the training session. Also, they will soon become tone deaf and assume that is your normal tone of voice.
7. You cannot let your attention wander from the dog, or the dog will make mistakes, just as he / she will make mistakes if the dog stops concentrating on you.
8. All corrections must be made quickly with the appropriate amount of force for the infraction.
9. Corrections need to be objectively forceful. **Never correct from anger or frustration!**
10. When you become angry or frustrated, put your dog up, but always end on a positive note.