



LUNE VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

REWARDS – giving your puppy a reward when he does what you ask will motivate him to do it again. A reward can be any combination of verbal praise, food or play.

GETTING YOUR PUP'S ATTENTION

1. Say your puppies name in a happy voice.
2. As soon as he looks at you say 'good' and give a reward, repeat.
3. To extend the length of time you have your puppy's attention, get him to focus on your face and give you eye contact, add in the 'watch me' command.
4. Once you have a good response from you puppy to their name do not reward immediately but bring the hand with food in it up to your face, hold it there for a few seconds, command 'watch me' then reward.
5. Gradually build up the time you ask the dog to watch you before rewarding.

PLAYING WITH PUPPY

Playing with your puppy is essential! It builds your relationship with him, teaches him control and is fun! However, puppies have sharp teeth, so play needs to be safe.

1. Remember that you should always be in control.
2. Keep the best toys for yourself. There is no reason why he shouldn't have a few toys to mess around with on his own but keep the 'special' toys for when you wish to play.
3. You choose when to play, several short play times a day is better than one long game which leave the puppy exhausted or bored at the end.
4. Choose an appropriate toy e.g. a rope tug or ball on a rope so; you can hold onto part of it and so can the puppy.
5. Teach your puppy to tug by holding the toy low to the ground and moving it along the floor as if it were a snake. Allow you pup to chase the toy, pounce and grab it. Have a gentle tug game. Its ok for your puppy to tug and growl and tug it just means they are having fun.

You can incorporate play into your training as a reward instead of food or at the end of a session as a reward and a way of relaxing your puppy.

CLEANLINESS AND IDENTIFICATION

Remember to carry with them you some form of "poop scoop" and ensure puppy is wearing a collar and Identification tag complying with the law.

It is a legal requirement to inscribe your name and address on the collar or on a plate or disc attached to it. Furthermore it is a legal requirement to clean up after your puppy in public areas and dispose of the bag in an appropriate bin.

Note: By 2016 it will be a legal requirement for all dogs to be identi-chipped but even if a puppy is micro chipped, you can be fined if your puppy is not wearing the correct Identification.

Telephone numbers are not compulsory but can be very helpful in returning your dog back to you in an emergency.