

Pet Tip of the Week

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“STAY”

All puppies must be taught the command “STAY”. It is as necessary for them to understand this command as it is for a child to learn about crossing the street. We must be very clear on our training this control command to our puppies as someday it may very well save his life.

Puppies communicate through body language, therefore, if we use body language and signals in our training methods, our puppy is more apt to learn quicker and in a more natural way.

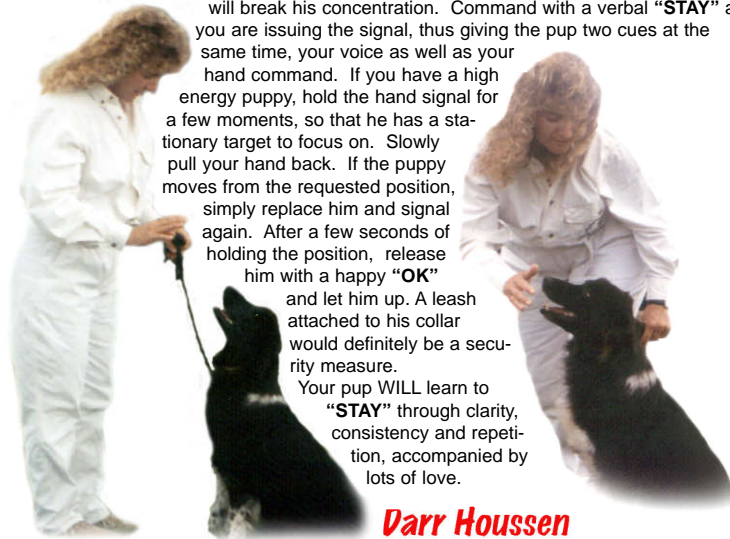
Introduce the command “STAY” when working beside your puppy on the “SIT”, “DOWN” or “STAND” positions. The signal tool is your hand, with your fingers spread a bit, and placed in front of the puppy’s face. You don’t touch his face or move too quickly as this will break his concentration. Command with a verbal “STAY” as

you are issuing the signal, thus giving the pup two cues at the same time, your voice as well as your hand command. If you have a high energy puppy, hold the hand signal for

a few moments, so that he has a stationary target to focus on. Slowly pull your hand back. If the puppy moves from the requested position, simply replace him and signal again. After a few seconds of holding the position, release him with a happy “OK”

and let him up. A leash attached to his collar would definitely be a security measure.

Your pup WILL learn to “STAY” through clarity, consistency and repetition, accompanied by lots of love.



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