


HOW TO TRAIN A PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI

OWNERS GUIDE



Once you decide to start training your dog, there is no going back. You have to be consistent and dedicated to your training schedule and expectations. You don't have to be super strict with some details while other things need to be very straight-laced. It just depends on your dog and your lifestyle.



TRAINING YOUR CORGI

Starting the training process with your dog can be difficult because they need the motivation to learn and only a "good boy" isn't quite enough for a dog. Treats are amazing motivators for dogs, especially when learning fun tricks. However, it is very important that once a dog masters the command that you phase the treats out.

In general, training a dog requires three big aspects that all add up to obedience and control. These respects are:

- Respect
- Discipline
- Consistency

Respect

When starting to train your dog, something to look for is signs of respect they have for you as their owner. If your dog doesn't respect you, they won't listen or learn from you, which can be disastrous.

Discipline

Every dog needs discipline at some point; the difference is whether it is done correctly and effectively—ineffective discipline results in continued bad behavior and a lack of respect for the owner.

Consistency

Arguably, the biggest part of training is consistency, but it is the hardest because it takes the most work from the owner. The best way to provide consistency with your corgi is to plan out your ideal training schedule and daily routine.



TRAINING CLASSES

Don't feel as if sending your dog to a class means you are failing as an owner; in fact, it usually means the opposite. Recognizing that you can't provide the level of training your dog needs is a great step in protecting the relationship you have with your dog.

DO'S AND DON'TS FOR TRAINING

Do's

- Provide adequate amounts of exercise
- Groom often, starting in early ages.
- Positive reinforcement
- Give them a safe space or kennel.
- Start training as early as possible.
- Pay close attention to moods and attitude changes.
- Monitor health and wellness

Don'ts

- Overfeed
- Hitting or physical punishment
- Put them in dangerous environments.
- Leave them with uneducated people.
- Leave them crated for more than 8 hours at a time.
- Socialize before training.
- Ignore vaccinations



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Regular visits to the vet and keeping them up to date on vaccinations and checkups help ensure that no issues are going unchecked. The chances of sickness, injury, or physical issues being missed with regular checks are incredibly slim, which allows you some peace of mind as an owner.

