

## **Train and Play Sessions**

During this time your dog continues to maintain or become proficient in whatever skills you choose or have already learned through my beginning foundation training series. At each visit I give your dog an appropriate energy outlet through creative play and training that is effective and natural. This results in releasing a dog's tension which prevents behavior problems. In addition skills are taught and rehearsed for example: walking on a loose leash, coming when called, sit/down, stay and calm greetings (preventing jumping on humans).

In addition to training a dog new skills or whatever your challenges may be, exercises are incorporated into the dog's day, giving your dog a much needed outlet for their brain and body. I specialize in what I call "Opportunity" dogs. These dogs are often mislabeled with problem behaviors such as leash aggression, possessiveness, and dominance.

I understand that sometimes your busy life and hectic schedule may mean that you need a more comprehensive train and play program for you and your dog; One that allows your dog to remain at home. While many Portland dog trainers offer "In-Kennel" training programs, group classes and costly private training as your only option. I've taken your wants, needs and desires into consideration. I will personally train you and then your dog. After meeting with you a minimum of once a week to teach you how to maintain the skills taught to your dog, hence allowing you to become familiar with my style and approach. You would learn all of the pertinent material and rehearse it with your dog in preparation for continued "Success".

I come to your home 1, 2, 3 or more times a week and continue to train, exercise and play with your dog in the comfort of his or her own environment as well as taking them out into the real world for train and play sessions. I also may bring along additional dogs to our T&P sessions that are matched up with your dogs play style for what I call "group therapy" as dogs can and do help and affect each other in group harmony.

Call me to find out more about this and the other unique training programs I offer. You are also welcome to talk with my on-going students who participate in this awesome program. There is daily homework and some reading. I am training the dog and I will train you. I walk you through every sequence to make sure that you have all the skills necessary to manage, train and attract your dog. I also help you stay motivated.

Private lessons take less time because we are working with one dog and one family at a time, so there's less chance for you or for your dog to become frustrated. I encourage video taping.