

# Sit

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My dog has got attention deficit  
disorder, making him a pain to train.

Commands of action aren't so difficult.  
He picked up Fetch within a day or two.  
It's true that Come was slower to arrive,  
but in the end it did succumb to bribes.

Commands of stillness are a problem, though.  
He cannot stand it when I make him Sit.  
He doesn't follow what I mean by Heel  
and isn't getting anywhere with Stay.

My mind is easily distracted too.  
It tends to wander off and sniff about  
and bring me random stuff it comes across,  
though often it's some half-dead thing that reeks.

It barks at everything that passes by,  
then runs around in circles for a while,  
or gnaws upon the bone of some old grudge  
until it's chewed beyond all recognition.

This might take a while.