



# TOP 10 TIPS FOR *Successful* *Training*



1. Give your dog time to visit the toilet before coming into training. This is sometimes overlooked by owners but have you ever tried doing something when needing the loo?! Your dog will not only be able to concentrate better but you will also learn them good habits that won't get you in trouble later on (in agility you will automatically get eliminated and asked to leave the ring if your dog goes to the toilet in the ring)
2. Click your dog back on lead when your talking to the trainer or have them in a down or middle position. This is the number 1 time when I see problematic behaviour occur that can lead the handler to get frustrated. Click them on and everyone's happy.
3. Make sure you have the right motivation for your training session. If your dog isn't motivated to work with you then they won't.
4. Have a range of motivation to suit your dogs arousal levels. Bring out the big guns if needed! (Not literally!!)
5. Give your dog downtime in between doing each task. They will learn so much faster if you give them a bit of time after a task.
6. Reward, reward, reward .. handlers often don't reward their dogs enough in training. When they do something right, show them! Have a party and that way they will more likely be super keen to repeat that in the future.
7. Leave pressure at the door. If it goes wrong, so what! No dog when learning will positively respond to pressure.
8. Record your training sessions. This is a fantastic way to look back on your session as I guarantee it will not have gone as bad as you think!
9. Bring a notebook and pen and write down things you may need to work on when you get back in your car. You will forget as soon as you get home guaranteed!
10. HAVE FUN It is meant to be fun and that is the most important thing of all!!!!

