Dog Training Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **General Rules**

☐ **Establish good habits early.**

☐ **Understand your dog's capabilities and be realistic.**

☐ **Develop a food and water schedule.**

☐ **Never use your crate as a tool for punishment.**

☐ **Be realistic, flexible, patient and always fair.**

☐ **Don't worry about mistakes, move on and do your best to prevent them in the future.**

☐ **Environment**

☐ **Start training the quiet and comfort of your home.**

☐ **Choose place to aviod people and animal distractions.**

☐ **Choose plece with limited or no vehicular traffic.**

☐ **If outside, make sure there are good weather conditions.**

☐ **Equipment**

☐ **Make sure you have equipment that is appropriate to the level and scope of your training plan.**

☐ **Have appropriate and correctly sized and fitted training collar.**

☐ **Have a leash in top condition.**

☐ **Include a sufficient supply of readily accessible and appropriate reward.**

☐ **Preparation**

☐ **Before every training session, evaluate your dog.**

☐ **Feed, water, and potty your dog as appropriate.**

☐ **Know the special characteristics relevant to your unique dog's breed, type and temperament.**

☐ **Know your dog's limitations and behavioral issues.**

☐ **Training Strategies**

☐ **Have a well-defined training plan.**

☐ **Visualize how you will set up each exercise.**

☐ **Decide which consistent verbal and body commands you will be using.**

☐ **Use lots of encouragement, praise and rewards.**

☐ **Concentrate on developing desirable habits and preventing undesirable behavior.**

☐ **Keep your training sessions short, consistent and always have fun.**

☐ **Start out with very easy commands.**

☐ **Base your training sessions around trust and mutual respect.**