



The Importance of a Command Word List!

The command words for your dog are as important as your dog's lead and collar. Without them you cannot control your dog.

Please have a family meeting to discus the words you are going to use and fill in the spaces on the command word list. The words must suit everyone that comes into regular contact with the dog.

Put this list up on the wall where everyone can see it so everyone knows the dogs command words.

Do not change your words to mine if your dog responds well to the words you are currently using.

Do not use any ONE word for more than ONE meaning i.e. sit-down, lie-down, down when you mean off. Humans might know what it means but for dogs one word must have one meaning only!

The Command Word List Explanation Handlers Command Word My Suggestion Dogs name only. Do not use nicknames, lengthen or Dogs Name shorten your dog's name. Toilet, Hurry up, be A word to use to get your dog to toilet in the right busy, quick quick place. Take it, Dinner, eat A dog should not eat unless told to. Bed, Basket, kennel Your dog should know where his bed is and go to it when told to. Sit, Sit up Dogs bottom on the floor, front feet on the floor. Down, Flat, floor, drop Dog must be flat on the floor. Stand Dog standing still, useful when grooming or drying your dog. Heel, Walk Dog to walk on owners left hand side. Side, Close Dog to walk on owners right hand side. Dog to come the instant it hears its name followed by Come, in, to me the recall command come. Stay Remain on that spot until I return. Dog not allowed to move even a millimetre. Stop what ever you are doing instantly. Spoken in a deep No growled voice. Used for jumping up, biting, barking, growling, eating nasty things etc. Watch me Dog to look at your face waiting for a reward or further commands. Release command. A release command is a word used to tell the dog the exercise is OK, play, go play over or you may have reached the park and are letting the dog off lead to run and play.