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for Successful Training

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Behavior does not change, nor is it learned, overnight. Practice, patience and consistency are key!

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Dogs do what we reinforce, intentional or not. Be sure to reinforce behaviors that you want to see repeated.

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Body language is one of the only ways your dog has to communicate with you. Always pay attention to their body language and what it is telling you.

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Ensure that your dog has appropriate outlets for energy. Excess energy can manifest as unwanted behaviors.

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Take baby steps. You will make substantial progress when you move step by step.

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Managing behavior by controlling the environment is a great way to prevent undesired behaviors from being practiced.

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Every single time your dog comes when called, be happy to see them! Even if they were doing something naughty prior to running to you.

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Find out what your dog finds valuable. This is different for every dog. It could be a special toy, activity, or a favorite type of food.

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Your dog is the one who determines if something is valuable. Not you, not anyone else.

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Catch your dog being good. When your dog is doing something you like make sure you reinforce it.

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Tell your dog how you want them to behave. You can tell your dog ten things not to do, but you will save time teaching them one thing to do.

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Keep training sessions short and sweet. 3-5 minutes at a time, 2-3 times a day.