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## EDITORIAL



### From the Editor

Hello Everyone,

Sadly Danielle has resigned from the committee and from her jobs as Club Captain and Newsletter Editor. Danielle was one of the 'Good Uns' a member who worked hard to tell and show everyone how wonderful the German Shepherd Dog is, she

was instrumental in organising public outings for our dogs – Bunnings community fun day, Christmas Parades, taking her dog to preschools and teaching children how to approach a dog e.t.c. Danielle and Mat will be soon having another addition to their family (a two legged one) and we wish them all the best for that.



So, we have a gap on our committee for a Club Captain – and Newsletter Editor too if anyone would like the jobs – until then you are stuck with me.

Also there is a vacancy for a Website administrator to update and look after the website. You might think that going in the back door to the inner workings of a website sounds scary and something only a computer nerd could do but, that is not true at all and if I can master it then anyone can.



When I put together a newsletter I trawl through the net until I find some articles that I hope are of some interest to one or two of you, the readers. This time I found what I thought was a reasonably good website <https://www.shepped.com/> Lots of interesting and informative articles there.

I have copied a couple of articles into this newsletter about training your GSD – I have seen many people come to club for help with training their GSD once it has shown signs of dominance and is getting hard to control.

Breeders – can you **please please please** get it through to your puppy buyers the importance of training their puppy and to start as soon as they get it and that the training never really ends.

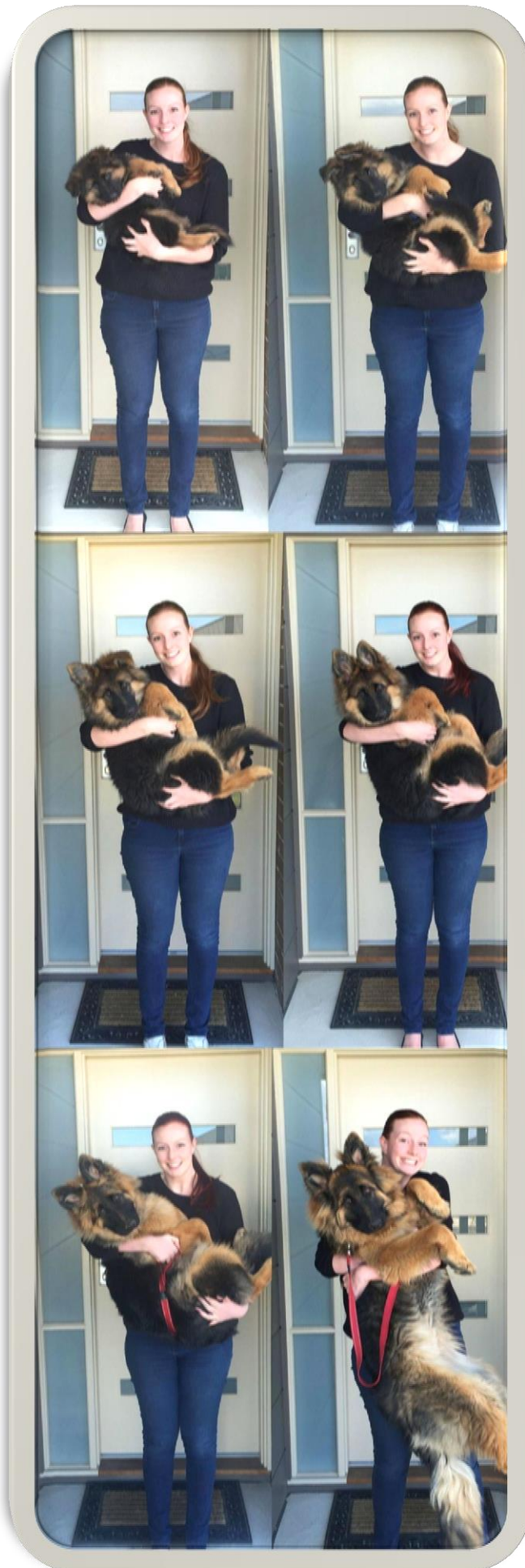
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## How To Build A Strong Bond With Your Dog

By James Clark

on February 8, 2016

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### **A Marine veteran and former military working dog handler lays out the best ways to bond with your dog.**

While building a bond with your dog may seem like a no brainer, it actually takes more work than you may think.

Yes, that tail may be wagging back and forth with enough kinetic force to power a small village, but that could be because you're eating a double-bacon cheeseburger, and your four-legged friend is anxiously waiting for you to drop it.

A strong bond is something else.

Task & Purpose turned to Mike Dowling, a Marine veteran of the Iraq War, and a former military working dog handler to ask him how to build and maintain a healthy relationship with one's dog.

For starters, it begins the moment you meet, explained Dowling, and anyone who has ever had one can attest to that.

However, like all relationships it doesn't start fully formed.

"There's no shortcut to establishing a bond with your dog, said Dowling. "It takes time and trust and you can't do anything over time to betray that trust."

Maintaining a strong bond with your dog isn't that different from maintaining a healthy relationship with a person.

"A lot of the rules in terms of building a relationship and not doing something in a relationship with another person applies to a dog," explained Dowling. "It's based more on emotion and feeling, because it's not like you can talk to your dog, but you can speak to them in other ways."

So since long drawn out conversations over beers are out of the question — or should be; getting your dog sloshed is way less fun the next day — here's what you can do to build that bond.

**First off, you can't force it.**

"There's a common saying that emotions run down and up leash," said Dowling. "What that means is if you as an owner or handler are having a bad day, your dog is going to end up having a bad day. You're going to put that energy down leash and your dog is going to feel that."

If you or your dog are having a crappy day, then maybe you should skip that training session you had planned or maybe pass on obedience class tonight.

"They're going to sense that from you, and likewise if you show up and your dog is having a bad day, you need to be able to recognize that because you don't want to train them when you know that's something off because you're just going to add more stress."

**The easiest way to build a strong relationship with your dog is to just do something fun together.**

“More fundamentally, be positive,” said Dowling. “Just always be positive around them when they’re having good behavior and when they’re developing good habits.”

Additionally, Dowling said you should reinforce obedience, not only because it’s good to have a dog that won’t pee in the house or yank on the leash, but because it gives you something to work on together.

“Also obedience every single day because it’s the foundation of training. It doesn’t have to be a full-on training session, you just do it everyday,” said Dowling. “It becomes ingrained in them and they just respond to you.”

Another thing you can do is go on adventures together. Yes. Adventures.

“One of the things I love about dogs is that it kind of makes you be an active person,” said Dowling. “You can’t have a good relationship if you’re just inside with your dog. You need to take them outside and be active with them. Take them exercising with you, go running with them, get them out of the typical environment and take them into new environments with you.”

Exploring new places with your dog gets you both off the couch and out and about, but it also reinforces their trust in you.

“Just take them into new environments,” said Dowling. “That just makes them want to trust you more because they’re going to trust that you’re leading them in a way that they’ll end up returning home safe, and you’re going to keep them protected.”

**Now that we know that a healthy relationship requires, here’s what it looks like.**

“A healthy relationship is when you’re just clicking on all cylinders, one and the same,” said Dowling. “You move as a dog team together. Your energy is in sync on every level there is. You’re feeling good, they’re feeling good and just by the slightest, subtle movement, you can tell what your dog’s emotions are.”

Dowling explains that a healthy relationship and a strong bond means “having a full understanding of your dog and your dog having a full understanding of you without any words needing to be spoken.”



Building a strong bond is one thing, now that you have it, don't lose it.

**Don't erode your dog's trust.**

"You don't want any gaps," said Dowling, explaining that this means unnecessary breaks in training and changes in your daily routine, and of course, long periods of separation.

"You don't want to be separated from your dog for an extended period of time because then they can get confused and get separation anxiety," said Dowling.

In short, if you don't need to leave your dog, then don't.

"Obviously you don't need to be with them 24/7, but if you don't need to be gone without them for a week, month, or whatever it is, let them come with you if you can," said Dowling. "Don't put them in a position where they don't see you for an extended period of time."

Finally, you can't undermine your dog's trust.

"Never betray the dog's trust in you," said Dowling. "Don't unnecessarily cause any stress on them in any way whatsoever."

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A sign said, "Do not allow your dog to chase, injure, or worry wildlife." How is a dog going to "worry" wildlife? Run up to a bird: "Hey, I think you've got something on your beak. It could be a tumor."

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"For sale: Eight puppies from a German shepherd and an Alaskan hussy."

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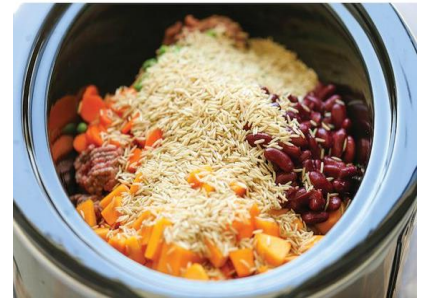
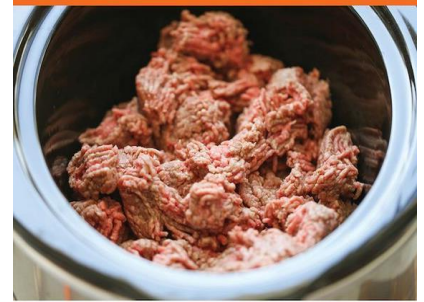
### Ingredients

- 2 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 1/2 cups brown rice
- 1 (15-ounce) can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 1/2 cups chopped butternut squash
- 1 1/2 cups chopped carrots
- 1/2 cup peas, frozen or canned

### Instructions

Stir in ground beef, brown rice, kidney beans, butternut squash, carrots, peas and 4 cups water into a 6-qt slow cooker. Cover and cook on low heat for 5-6 hours or high heat for 2-3 hours, stirring as needed.

Let cool completely.



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## PUMPKIN AND MOLASSES HOMEMADE DOG TREATS

[HTTP://BETSYLIFE.COM/](http://betsylife.com/)

### INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup organic canned pumpkin (Could use cooked pumpkin too)
- 4 tablespoons molasses
- 4 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a large bowl mix the pumpkin, molasses, vegetable oil, and water.
3. In a separate, medium bowl combine whole wheat flour, baking soda, and baking powder. Slowly stir dry ingredients into the wet ingredients until the dough softens.
4. Scoop out small spoonfuls of dough {about 1" wide} and roll them into balls with your hands.
5. Set the balls onto a lightly greased cookie sheet and flatten them with a fork.
6. Bake for 20 minutes
7. Store in the refrigerator for up to 2 months



## COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE – DEB RENGA



Hi I am Debbie Renga. I was born in Timaru and brought up on farms most of my life, so with that apparently since I could walk you could find me with a dog beside me or around me or me around them. I have always experienced working dogs but they were always Dad's Huntaway's, Heading dogs or the lab's for hunting. Oh there was Mum's cocker spaniel too. We also use to be taken to the dog trails for many years.

Since I was old enough I have only ever owned a short haired collie, a few lab's and a beautiful Huntaway. I had never thought about owning a German Shepherd until I had met AJ, he used to own a couple. After a few years of being together I lost my big lab and found life rather empty without a dog in the house. So with this I got my 1<sup>st</sup> German Shepherd. I didn't know that there were different colours with shepherds and had my first lesson of that I had a sable. Yep Chief came into my life. The night that I met him he picked me not the other way around. I didn't know that people showed dogs and was asked to join John and Tracey at a specialty show in Christchurch at a rugby grounds. Man what an eye opener that was. All these people yelling, squeaking things, different whistles etc.

Well I went home and said to AJ that I wanted to try showing. So I filled out my first ever entry form for Ashburton All Breed show. That was only 5 years ago. Got there and AJ said "you want to do this". With that I said yep and turned around and saw this pool of dog hair. Of course said hi and introduced ourselves. I got asked if I was new, 'Yep'. Then asked, do you know how to stack a shepherd? Do what was my answer, lol. Well I have never forgotten it but it was Bev and Evan that helped me that day and others after that, I was so grateful.

So since that day out fur family has grown. AJ always wanted a fluffy shepherd for a pet so we got Storm and then so very lucky we got Pam. I have met some wonderful people, learnt a heap not only through my own dogs but from some very informative people. Had the pleasure to handle various dogs. But for most I will always remember what my Dad has taught me about the working dog and I will never forget what a working dog should do or be able to do to be able to do a good day's work not only on the flat but on the hills too.

So thank you to all that have helped over the last 5 years and also thank you for the next, don't know how many years but can't wait to have some more fun with learning and experiences with our fur family.

# Basics of Obedience Training For Your German Shepherd

Written by **Shepped**

<https://www.shepped.com/obedience-training/>

German Shepherds are strong and extremely loyal dogs. There is no doubt that this breed of dogs will stick by you through thick and thin. However, if you go overboard with its training, your GS will grow to become an aggressive dog. And trust me, you don't want that.

If you have bought a German Shepherd puppy, **start training it** in its initial days because GSDs can become very dominant if they don't get the right coaching. One more mistake that many GSD owners make is to treat their dogs harshly. GSDs are not like play dogs or the friendly breeds.

Nature has made them tough and dominant.

If you try to handle them aggressively, they'll give it back to you. They also need to learn to behave with people. When you have a GSD at home, you wouldn't want it to bite on the furniture, chew on toys, and much more. And with the help of proper *obedience coaching*, a GSD can be exactly how you want it to be, i.e. very harmonious.

## Step 1: Imprinting & Socializing

The best way you could train a GSD is by treating it in a sensible and positive way. Teaching your GSD to be obedient towards you and your orders is not an easy task. This type of coaching needs a lot of patience and consistency. If you lose your temper at any point during the process, you and your dog will both **face a hard time**.

Many stressed GSD owners call **training centres** to get hold of their dog's temper. What they fail to understand is that forcing their dog to learn and then getting aggressive when it doesn't, is not the right way to do it.

There are two parts in obedience training of a GSD and one of them is **imprinting and socializing**. This type of training includes certain type of tricks and commands. Remember, no matter which style you adopt, you will need to use **hand and verbal actions**.

*What is imprinting?* When you treat your GSD pup furiously during its coaching, it is likely to grow up to become an aggressive dog. This is called **imprinting**, as the dog imprints the treatment it gets from the owner.

*What is Socializing?* **Socializing** a GSD with people and other animals in its surrounding is a major part of its training. When you get a GSD, you will need to make it comfortable around others so that it doesn't cause troubles in the future.

## Some Tips

The things included in this type of GSD coaching are:

- On **leash training** and off the leash training – this means that your GSD should be able to walk at your pace and stop when you pull the leash. Leash training is very essential as it allows you to have complete control over your dog.
- Offer treats at short intervals while training your dog as it will get bored and distracted without them
- Alternate ways to appreciate and praise your dog include toys and pat on the back.
- Make sure your GSD is learning to retain all the information and commands.
- Do not make your GSD too dependent on treats as it will only follow the commands for a treat.
- Teach it to behave while bathing, ear cleaning, and nail cutting.
- Teach your dog to sleep in its kennel.
- Make use of the word 'NO' in the process so that your dog knows when it should stop.
- Make association of different words with actions so that it becomes easy for the dog to learn.
- Train your dog to play, bite, and chew on approved toys only.
- Teach your dog to behave inside the house and live by the house rules.
- Train your dog to chase you when you call its name.
- Teach your dog to walk up and down the stairs in a proper manner.
- **Crate train your dog.**
- Vehicle train your dog.

## Step 2: Manner & Obedience

In this part of the training process, you will need to teach your GSD to stay calm and **listen to your commands promptly**. GSDs are extremely energetic and tend to get excited easily. That's why when you train them; they follow the commands in a hyper mode. To make them understand the meaning of each command and to induce patience in them, you will need to coach them differently.



## Some Tips

To teach your GSD some good manners and discipline, you will need to adopt a different strategy and set of instructions. Read on to a few tips to induce this type of behaviour in your GSD.

- Tell your GSD to sit and stay for a couple of minute. You will do this by introducing it to the '**sit**' and '**stay**' command.
- Tell your dog to 'sit' and then say 'stay'. This stay should be for 2 – 4 minutes. This type of training will teach the dog to stay calm in different types of situations.
- Teach your dog to walk at a normal pace on a lose leash.
- Tell your dog to '**stop**' when it shows odd behaviour like excessive chewing and mouthing of objects.
- Train it to fetch without being too hyper. You may tell it to stay when it becomes overly excited.
- Tell your GSD to stop when it starts jumping on sofas and people.
- To make your GSD learn to behave in real situations, you will need to introduce distractions between training. This will help you get to know how well your dog is trained and can ignore the distractions when you command it to stay, stop, etc.
- Say a lot of 'NO' during the entire process.

## Your Long-Term Family Member

A GSD's *obedience training* should **start at 8 weeks of age**. You will need to define the role of your dog in the family. Make sure you don't drag the training session as it will frustrate the dog. Once you have taught your dog to be obedient, patient, and calm, you will know that your GSD is your lifelong partner and your best buddy. When trained properly, GSDs prove to be the best dog breed.



## CLUB NOTICE BOARD

### BUNNINGS SUASAGE SIZZLE

27<sup>th</sup> February 2016



Fundraising is a big part of being a successful club and our sausage sizzles have proved to be very profitable in the past. Having said this we cannot run fundraising events without your support. So if you can assist in this fundraising event please contact Sandra Van Kempen 021 2107984 Email: [sandravk@paradise.net.nz](mailto:sandravk@paradise.net.nz)

**\*\* Well this has been and gone – Thanks to the few people who volunteered. Chef Extraordinaire – Allan McKernan, Helper Fantastical - Katrina Prendergast, Organiser Amazing - Sandra Van Kempen (Organised the whole shebang and was there from start to finish) Other fantastic helpers were Jenny Richmond and Lea Connor. A bit over \$400 was raised, not as good as our usual take from this sausie sizzle due to a very very hot day and also Bunnings had a community fun day running with free drinks and other food available too.**



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#### **Show Catering**

As we have done in the past for catering at our shows we are asking for donations of food to be sold and also for the judge's lunches – Ready made sandwiches or rolls, paninis, cakes and muffins or the likes of meats and cheese i.e. bacon and ham for toasted sandwiches which are always popular, meat for judge's lunches and salad etc. Please liaise with Jane as to what you would like to donate so we don't end up with a gazillion sandwiches – Phone or text 027 427 9550

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## SHOWS

**March** – Speciality GSD being run by  
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**Date:** Saturday 26 March 2016

**Judge :** Mr Mario Magasaysay Sv

**April –9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – Judges** - Andy Tong Tak Choy (SV) from Hong Kong and  
Honey Gross Richardson from Perth

Dinner Saturday evening at the Racecourse Hotel 7pm

**June** – 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Judges – Jane Pike (Aus), Salvatore Pittelli (Aus), Viv  
McCambridge (NZ)

**November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Judges TBC**



Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 7.00pm Prize Giving – (Criteria will be sent out shortly)  
Meeting to Follow



SIGSL's financial year runs from 31<sup>st</sup> March so Memberships are now due for the 2016 year – Payment would be appreciated now instead of just before the AGM.  
Membership can be paid directly into our account to the following details

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Please please put your surname as reference and if you could email me to let me know you have done it that would be appreciated too also if any contact details may have changed let me know too

At the 2015 AGM members voted to increase the membership fee by \$5.00 – therefore a double membership renewal will be \$50.00, a single will remain at \$40.00.

A junior membership fee was also added and the price was set at \$10.00 – A junior member is any person under the age of 18.

A family membership was also added which will consist of two family adults and family children under the age of 18 years.





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# German Shepherd Disobedience Problems and How to Address Them

Written by **Shepped**

<https://www.shepped.com/disobedience-problems/>

Many German Shepherd owners complain that their dog doesn't follow their commands, ignores their actions and voice signals, and much more. This is a common problem with GSD owners as this breed of dogs is very dominant. We all know German Shepherds as guarding-dogs we see with police forces. Of course, these dogs are extremely intelligent **and if trained well**, they will learn anything.

*Disobedience* is when your GSD purposely ignores your commands. This type of behavior occurs due to two reasons:

- Your dog **doesn't respect you** enough to listen to you.
- Your dog **doesn't see you as a leader** or the boss.

GSDs are extremely powerful and governing. If they are not trained properly in their initial days, they will have issues when you try to become a leader. These hierarchical issues become a huge problem for both the dog and the owner and ruin the dog-owner relationship completely.

## Re-establish Yourself as the Authority/Boss

The main idea is to make your dog understand that you are the boss, not him/her. When your GSD starts to exhibit disobedient behavior, act immediately. Letting the dog misbehave is not going to turn things around. A happy GSD is one that feels safe under its owner's lead. So, if your dog is getting out of hands and establishing itself as the authority, stop it right there. Due to their nature, they tend to become dominant but it is the responsibility of the owner to bring it back on track.

There are simple ways with help of which GSD owners can re-establish themselves as the authority.

- Never let your dog leave the house before you.
- Don't shower your love on your dog just as you arrive home.
- Always eat 30 minutes before your dog so that it knows that you are the alpha.
- Do not let your dog enter every area of the home and limit its area.
- Do not let your dog jump on sofas, bed, and furniture because this behavior can make your dog feel like the boss of the home.



- If your GSD wants to play and grabs a cushion in its mouth and comes to you, do not start playing immediately. It might be intimidating but giving attention to the dog on its will is going to make it feel like an alpha.
- Don't let your dog leave the car before you. You don't want it to feel that you are following it.



If nothing works and your German Shepherd is showing signs of bad behavior, follow an **obedience training process**. This type of training is especially very beneficial for GSDs. If you'll let your dog become the alpha, you'll soon start to face a lot of problems.

It will not only disobey you, it will also ignore your commands. Make sure that the training sessions are no longer than a few minutes as it will become frustrating for your GSD. Once your dog feels bored, it will get distracted and not listen to your commands and instructions.

## Making the Disobedient Behavior Stop!

So how do you make your GSD's behavior better? How will you make it listen to you?

Many times GSD owners who are facing *disobedience problems* with their dogs adopt a wrong approach that instead of putting them back on track worsens them further. The key in this type of situation is to **act in a way that your dog would understand**.

A German Shepherd's natural instinct is to see other people and animals as a pack. Hence, they rank every member of the pack according to their behavior and itself as the pack leader. When you let your dog dominate, it will start to ignore your commands because it has established itself as the leader of the pack. However, if you fail to establish your position as an alpha, your GSD will start to ignore your commands.

To avoid this kind of behavior, a GSD owner should react immediately. Don't make your dog feel that it has gotten control over you. Stop it right away or give it a little tap on its head to tell it that you are still the boss.

For Example: If you take your GSD for a walk in the park and it is playing with other dogs while you walk. You are at a distance and want your dog to come to you. You command it to '**come**' or say its name. Your dog looks at you and doesn't respond. This is a crucial thing that owners should understand with an open mind. When your dog is playing with other dogs, it is actually having fun. However, when you call its name and order it to come to you, it will have to decide between stopping the play and coming to you OR ignoring you completely. Of course it is fun to play and your dog is enjoying its time. So, why do you think it would listen to you?

In situations like these, when your dog *purposely* ignores your instructions, you need to act immediately. You can:

- Go to your dog and pull its collar so that it understands that you are asking it to stop.
- Speak in a low but authoritative voice to tell the dog that you are serious and this attitude cannot be tolerated.

The best way to make your dog learn to behave is to **train it with a lead on**. If you will let the dog be on its own, it will feel that it can do whatever it wants to. However, having a leash on until your dog is not fully trained, you are giving it a message that you are in control of its actions.

## It is Time to get Disciplined!

German Shepherds are highly confident dogs. This means that they will not like anyone else interfering in their business. If you are facing troubles training your dog to obey you, sign up with us and follow the tips on our site.

## Canine Obedience Club Competition.

Sandra Van Kempen and Senna (Bottom) and Karen Wilson and Zeba (Top) competing at Canterbury



SIGSL has Agility training most Sundays from 9.30am until about 11am, Darron Willett is our very experienced and patient tutor and we would love to see more members come along and have some fun with Agility – It's not ALL about competing either, it is a great way to gain control of your dog too.





Sunday Morning Agility 13 March 2016

Shelby licking her chops excited for some action. Look at that twisting action as she rockets through the weave. Below left – Paula and Viva, below right Stephen and Shelby, Bottom Left Blue and Twister, Bottom right Sandra and Senna.



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