

Two Week Training Program



Training Tips

Follow the Training

This may seem obvious but most training issues stem from pet owners cutting corners in an attempt to speed up the training.

Keep it Fun!

Have some fun with your dog while you are training him. Short training sessions followed by play will help keep him engaged and happy. And that makes it easier to learn.

On All Day / Off at Night

We recommend that you leave your dog's collar on all day (unless kenneled) and remove it all night.

Going for a Walk

- Remove fence collar, attach leash.
- Approach the line. Stop 10' short.
- Give command to SIT.
- Repeatedly give "cross" command while walking across the line.
- Stop 10' past the other side of the line. SIT. Wait a few seconds.
- Release from SIT and go for walk.
- Repeat all steps upon re-entry

* Leave flags up for 3 weeks then remove every other flag each day until they are gone.

Day 1 Your DogWatch Dealer will mark the Hidden Fence area with flags. The flags will be set 12 -18 inches apart just inside the edge of the area that triggers the warning alert on the dogs collar.

Set the Receiver to level 1 (or the level recommended by your DogWatch Dealer) and the Transmitter to 'RATE 1'. On a short leash, walk your dog around the yard in a random criss-cross pattern. When you get near a flag, touch it and in a calm but firm voice, say "No (Fido), No."

Repeat this with six to ten flags randomly around the yard during each training session. ONCE during each training session, allow your dog to walk close enough to the flags to receive a correction with no warning from you. When this happens, use the leash to firmly but unapologetically back the dog away from the flag. Continue the rest of the training, showing the dog the flags and giving the verbal warning. Repeat the training several times a day with some playtime after each session.

Day 2 Change the Transmitter setting to RATE 2. Repeat the training as on Day 1.

Day 3 & 4 If you began the training with the Receiver set at level 1, increase it to level 2. Repeat the training as on Days 1 and 2. If your dog is avoiding the flags, introduce a distraction on the other side of the hidden fence while you continue the training. A distraction is something that will get the dog's attention and interest him in moving toward the flags (without actually calling to the dog), such as a neighbor walking down the street.

Day 5 & 6 At this point, your dog should be avoiding the flags. Increase the Receiver setting to 3. Extend the length of the leash by attaching two leashes to each other or by adding a piece of rope. Let your dog trail the leash behind him as he explores the yard. Follow closely so you can grab the leash and give a warning if he appears to want to cross the line of flags. If he attempts to cross the line, repeat the earlier training another day or two and then try this again.

Day 7-14 If your dog is not yet avoiding the flags, take the leash as in the first few days of training and allow him to receive a correction as before. When your dog receives the correction, you should see a motivated response and a retreat from the boundary. If the dog retreats, continue the training as previously for a few more days. If your dog does not respond to the correction, please call us.

If your dog is avoiding the flags, it is time to remove the leash to let him enjoy his new Freedom. Be sure to pay close attention during this period to make sure he truly understands the fence boundary. Test the training during this period with distractions on the other side of the fence (children, other dogs, etc.) and by letting him watch you leave the boundary area.

If you have any concerns about the training, please give us a call.