

Training Skill Levels

Every puppy's development will differ and some skills may be learned ahead of or later than these benchmarks. The level of mastery for each skill described below is an estimate that is being provided to help our potential trained dog buyers visualize what most of our trained dogs are able to perform at each level of training.

Targeted Training Skills	4 weeks of Foundation Training	8 weeks of Intermediate Training	12 weeks of Extended Training
Follows a treat lure to engage in desired behaviors.	Mastered	Mastered	Mastered
Sits when given verbal or visual command.	Mastered	Mastered	Mastered
Quiets quickly when placed in a crate at night and sleeps 8 or more hours without barking to be let out.	Partially Mastered	Mastered	Mastered
Shows safe and desirable behavior in a car.	Partially Mastered	Mastered	Mastered
Engages in imprinted behaviors such as staying near humans, following humans, looking to a human for guidance, seeking a human for a need, etc	Partially Mastered	Mastered	Mastered
Interacts and plays well with other dogs.	Partially Mastered	Mastered	Mastered
Comes when called over a short distance.	Partially Mastered	Mastered	Mastered
Quiets quickly when placed in a crate during the day with the handler out of sight (in a separate room behind a closed door)	Progressing Skill	Partially Mastered	Mastered
Establishes eye contact with the handler in order to request or communicate a need.	Progressing Skill	Partially Mastered	Mastered
Walks on a leash in correct position without repeated attempts to pull ahead, chew the leash, or sniff and explore things along the way	Progressing Skill	Partially Mastered	Mastered
Understands the command on and off such as when the dog is on furniture and is told to get off or the dog is asked to go to a specific spot such as a dog bed.	Progressing Skill	Partially Mastered	Mastered
Does not startle or behave in undesirable ways when experiencing unfamiliar situations or noises.	Progressing Skill	Partially Mastered	Mastered
Shows a desired level of confidence when socializing with new people.	Progressing Skill	Partially Mastered	Mastered
Holds potty and poop until pup is outside four hours or more at a time in multiple settings.	Progressing Skill	Partially Mastered	Mastered
Responds to the command "Leave it" when the handler wants the dog to ignore an item they are focused on.	Emerging Skill	Partially Mastered	Mastered

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Comes when called over a long distance.	Emerging Skill	Partially Mastered	Mastered
Will fetch a desired object and return it to the handler.	Emerging Skill	Partially Mastered	Mastered
Demonstrates good door manners, will sit and wait to be greeted by guests, and does not attempt to run out the door.	Emerging Skill	Progressing Skill	Mastered
Will respond to the command stay.	Emerging Skill	Progressing Skill	Mastered
Demonstrates the ability to be independent and self entertain as needed. This includes playing with a toy without the handler or resting outside of a crate without requiring attention or constant supervision.	Emerging Skill	Progressing Skill	Mastered
Demonstrates respectful house manners such as avoiding excessive barking, refraining from trying to take food off of counters, etc	Emerging Skill	Progressing Skill	Mastered
Rolls over when given verbal or visual command.	Emerging Skill	Progressing Skill	Mastered
Lays down when given verbal or visual command.	Emerging Skill	Progressing Skill	Mastered

Levels of Mastery:

Very Light Green: Emerging Skill: The puppy has been introduced to the skill. When asked to demonstrate, the puppy is successful 10-30% of the time without support. The puppy is showing strong signs that if practice is continued, mastery will be achieved.

Light Green Progressing Skill: The puppy has had increased practice. When asked to demonstrate the skill, the puppy is successful 30-50% of the time without support.

Medium Green: Partial Mastered Skill: The puppy has participated in a great deal practice. When asked to demonstrate the skill, the puppy is successful 50-90% of the time without support.

Dark Green: Mastered: The puppy has had extended practice across multiple settings and can successfully demonstrate the skill 90-100% of the time without support.

*Support- Support may include the use of motivators such as treats and toys to lure the puppy to engage in the correct task, repeated visual cues, redirection, repeating the command, reducing the expectation or backing up to a previous skill before asking that the skill be demonstrated again.