

DOORWAY MANNERS

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Training Tip Tuesday: Doorway manners!

Teaching a dog to wait at a doorway is not only good manners, but a huge safety skill as well! The dog that knows how to wait will not bolt out doors; even if one gets accidentally open. Teaching is relatively simple; the big key is consistency! To get the results you want every person must use the same protocol at every door, every time!

To start; i like to take away the novelty of the open door. If every time the door opens, the dog goes out for play time or walks; he quickly learns to associate the open door as a portal to fun! its no wonder he can't wait to get out it! With your dog on a leash, practice your basic skills and manners in front of an open door. Just leave it open while you work on sit, touch, look - whatever he knows - but never go out the door!

Next i teach him to wait for permission; i approach the open door and cue the sit. When he sits, i praise, and we walk away. Then i ask for the sit in front of the closed door. As he sits, i reach for the knob - if he holds his sit, i praise. If not- i just put him pack. Gradually build this up until he will hold the sit while you step through, then until you release him and call him through the door to the other side. It takes some patience, and lots of practice. Don't get angry if he doesnt get it right away. Just be persistent.

It took some time; but Dais and Kod know if a door is open, they don't go out. In the video you'll see they automatically wait; i dont have to say anything to them; they know not to follow me through an open door (or run out on their own) until they are released.

<https://youtu.be/eRMZe9TivhU>