

Training May Save Your Dog's Life

Obedience training also gives the dog owner the voice control necessary to prevent numerous potential tragedies. For instance, should your dog slip out of his collar in the middle of a congested traffic intersection, you can safely guide him across the street, followed by a sit command to put his collar back on. Or should someone accidentally leave the front door open, and you spot your dog leaving, he can be safely called back by using the recall command.

Obedience training will help your dog become more responsive. It also gives you more control over your dog's behavior. In an emergency situation, obedience training may save your dog's life. In fact, it can ultimately save the lives of many dogs, because far fewer dogs would end up in animal shelters if their owners would simply take the time to train them.

Statistics show that puppies who receive early socialization, obedience, and temperament testing are far less likely to end up being euthanized by the time they turn three years of age than those who do not receive this early training. And for those dogs that do need homes, a trained dog is far easier to adopt out to a new home than an untrained one.