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Please copy and paste this embed script to where you want to embed Learning how to train a pitbull puppy from a young age is incredibly important. Pitbulls have, unfortunately, been given a negative image that is completely undeserved. In reality, they're some of the sweetest and most loving dogs you'll ever meet. However, like any dog, they're also a product of their environment. And that's why it's important to make sure your pitbull puppy receives proper training. Not only does it help ensure your pitbull will have a high quality of life—it also helps remove the toxic stigma surrounding this wonderful breed. Read on for our best pitbull puppy training tips. Do You Know How to Train Your Pitbull Puppy? Let's start out here by laying a bit of a foundation. Beyond specific techniques and actions, there are a few key factors to understand when learning how to train a pitbull puppy. One is consistency. If you're starting a training regimen or setting a rule or boundary, you have to be consistent! Sending mixed messages will confuse your pup, and it will also undermine your own authority. And if you're not firm when maintaining your rules or boundaries, you will lose dominance in the relationship. It's important to establish and maintain dominance so that your dog will obey your commands. Another factor is positive vs negative reinforcement. Never punish your dog. Positive reinforcement is a more effective, compassionate, and enjoyable way to train your dog. Plus, it helps to form a bond between the two of you that should last for years. Finally, timing is also important. You've heard the phrase "can't teach an old dog new tricks." Well, although starting later in life isn't necessarily a lost cause, the younger you start training your pitbull, the better. When Should I Start Training My Pitbull? It's important to start training your dog at a very young age. The best time to start is as soon as you bring them home. When puppies are in that developmental stage, they are like a sponge, constantly learning and imprinting from their environment and from their relationships. Pitbull Puppy Training Schedule The younger they are, the more quickly they can learn new things, and the greater their overall potential is for successful training in general. In the following sections you'll learn pitbull puppy training schedule - which training exercises are best for each age period. Pitbull Training at 3-8 Weeks This is the best time to begin training your basic commands. Your cute little pup will easily retain and cement these commands into lifelong habits. Name Calling Start by getting the puppy familiar with his or her name. The sooner you succeed at this, the better. Don't wait too long before deciding on a name, and be consistent in using it whenever engaging your pup. You should call your pitbull by their name before and after every command. Sit Sit is a very basic command that's simple and easy to teach. Start by getting some tasty puppy treats as an incentive for your puppy to obey. Hold a treat in the air above your Pit's head, and slowly move it over their head, or even a few inches behind them so they back up. Their gaze will move up to follow the treat, and they will naturally end up sitting down. When their butt hits the ground, say "sit" and then give them the treat and some praise. Soon your dog will associate sitting with the command. Lay Down When your dog has learned the "sit" command, you're ready to teach "lay down." Hold the treat level with your dog's eyes, a few inches from them, bring it down to the ground, and from there pull it out and away from them. Imagine tracing an "L" shape with the treat. As your pup follows the treat they will naturally lie down. As soon as they do, say "lay down," praise them and give them the treat. Let them know you're pleased! As you continue to do this your pup will come to associate lying down with the command. Listen/Watch This command will get your pitbull puppy to stop and pay attention to you when needed. Hold a treat near your eyes, and say "look at me" or "watch." When your dog stops what they're doing and makes eye contact, give them the treat and praise them. This style of positive reinforcement and reward will be a recurring theme. Once they have this command down, stretch out the amounts of time that you hold eye contact to strengthen the command. Pitbull Training 8-12 Weeks This is an age when your puppy can learn more focus-involved commands. The puppy's attention span and intelligence increases at this age. And since your puppy has already learned some basics, this is the perfect time to teach "come when called," as well as potty training. Stay To begin, have your dog either sit or lay down. Standing in front of them, hold your hand out with an open palm, say "stay," back up a step, and pause. If your dog doesn't move, reward them. As you do this more, back up further and further before rewarding your dog to strengthen the command. Come Recall training aka coming when called is one of the most crucial things you will ever teach your dog. Being able to make your dog roll over is cute, but this command can literally mean the difference between life and death. This is best learned in the home, or somewhere peaceful without a lot of distractions. You and a helper will both have a handful of treats. Sitting a ways apart, one of you will yell "come." If this command is new you may also clap or whistle the first few times to get your dog's attention. When your dog arrives, reward them and love them up. At this point, your friend will yell "come," and also reward your pup for obeying. You can even try continuing this game from opposite sides of the house, or even hiding in different rooms until your pup finds you. Potty Training Potty training is one aspect of training that you are not likely to overlook. Let's get into it. For starters, make sure to take your dog outside often, especially when they're young. Remember to never punish your dog. They won't understand why you are punishing them. It is damaging to your relationship with your dog and it isn't an effective way to train. Every time your dog eliminates outside, praise them and reward them with a treat. Do this right away, so that they associate the act with the positive reinforcement. A big part of this is being able to recognize when your puppy has to go. There will be cues that you will learn to pick up on. When it's that time, your dog may go in circles, whine at the door, or wander off into another room. Be attentive to when your dog has to go out, reward good behavior, and you'll be set! Socialize It's important to socialize your dog from a young age. You're building a foundation for lifelong behavior patterns here. So you'll want to socialize your pup by getting them used to being around both other dogs and other people, always in a monitored and safe environment of course. There are lots of great ways to do this. Any positive experience that familiarizes your pup with friends, other dogs and public spaces is a good thing. We probably don't have to remind you that it's your responsibility to always monitor and supervise your dog in such situations. Pitbull Training 12-16 Weeks At this age, your pitbull is going to need to blow off some steam for 2-3 hours a day to use up some of that excess energy. Pitbulls who are forced to be couch potatoes during this active stage can suffer for it and even develop some issues as a result. Leash Walking Your dog's ability to walk on a leash without pulling is crucial. Trust us! You don't want your pup running ahead of you while you're out for walks. Your dog will learn to walk side by side with you. So when they do run ahead of you or pull, simply stop, tighten the leash, and wait. When your dog is positioned beside you, offer a small treat and continue. Your dog will figure out that when they run ahead, the leash tightens and the walk stops. However, when they walk side by side with you, the walk goes on. Stay consistent with leash training your puppy. Fetch Introduce your dog to an object such as a toy, tennis ball, etc. Show your dog the object, and give them a treat. Then toss the object a short distance and motion for your dog to get it. If your dog picks the object up, offer them another reward. Now for the trickier part, toss the object and have your dog pick it up, and then encourage them to bring it to you while they are holding the object. Reward them for returning the toy. When this succeeds, start throwing the object farther and farther away! Jump Have your dog sit. Hold the treat over your dog's head and say, "Jump!" You might jump yourself to demonstrate what you mean. If your dog doesn't understand, bring the treat a little closer to their nose and encourage them to go for it. When them do jump, say "jump" again, and slightly pull the treat up and away as they reach for it. Reward them and encourage them. More Advanced Games There are some great games out there, from puzzle toys to creative obedience exercises. Our Tug Toy for Puppies is a great tool for many of these games. It's puppy-safe and incredibly durable, which means it can give your pitbull puppy an awesome workout and a dynamic play session all at once! We Want What's Best While Training Our Pitbulls Proper training is vital, and knowing how to train a pitbull puppy is an important responsibility. Learning and cementing good behaviour will ensure your dog lives a long and happy life. And it's not only training that promotes good behaviour but also a healthy, balanced, and consistent diet. Something you'll definitely want to check out is our performance chews, chicken flavoured treats, and beef flavoured treats. They're perfect treats for your puppy-training reward system while also delivering nutrients that are essential for healthy growth and development. Your pitbull puppy will love them! "Hi, my name is Pamela Adams. I am a hardcore Pitbull enthusiast by every definition. What started as a love for dogs quickly turned into an obsession to understand Pitbull behavior, allowing me to formulate the most effective and ethical principles backed by science and years of experience. I am here to tell you that teaching your Pitbull good behavior, as well as tricks and concepts—while maintaining integrity—doesn't have to be complicated! I encourage you to please keep reading as I reveal to you Key dog training principles that will allow you to have a powerful bond and enjoy an exceptionally behaved pet."

To your best success, Pamela Adams, Proud Pitbull Owner & Enthusiast Most people find pitbull training to be quite challenging. This is because naturally, most people have the mentality that pit bulls are a very aggressive dog breed. This might not entirely be the case. It all boils down to good pitbull training. A pitbull who is well trained can be a very friendly and faithful companion. Make sure to train your pitbull well for him to turn out well-mannered and non-aggressive. This will help to eradicate this misconception about the pit bull breed. Let me share with you a number of tips to help you in training your pitbull puppy.1. Encourage your pitbull to exercisePhysical exercise plays a very important role in nurturing a healthy dog. Naturally, if your pit bull puppy is hyper active, you need to channel this energy into useful physical activities. This will reduce the chances of your pit bull puppy becoming aggressive. Take him outdoors for long walks, if you have a back yard, you can go out and play fetch. Ensure you spend at least 2 hours outdoors in engaging physical activities. A well exercised pitbull is a happy one. The dog park can also be a great place to take your furry friend for a walk. Is your dog driving you crazy? Click Here to solve all dog problems the kind and gentle way.2. Create some spaceAfter bringing your pit bull puppy home, you need to have some space prepared for them. A crate can do well enough for them to sleep in or just rest when they are tired. This will keep your dog happy and he will be easy to train when in a good mood. Just like other breeds, pitbulls also like to have their space that just belongs to them. A sleeping basket can also work well once you fill it with warm and cozy rugs.3. Potty train your pit bull puppyThis is one aspect of training that you ought to take your pit bull puppy through early enough. Being a puppy, he might feel the need to urinate often. You need to potty train your pitbull puppy because the last thing you want is for him to ease himself on your favorite rug. You can establish a routine and have him stick to it. Take him to use the potty immediately he wakes up in the morning, after exercise, before meal time and in the evening just before bedtime. Be consistent in potty training and you will realize that pit bulls are actually easy to train.==> Check The Ultimate House Training Guide Here4. Learn to be sensitive to his needsPitbulls also have moods like any other dog breed and even humans. Make sure you are very keen and learn how to handle your dog when he seems to be upset or agitated. In case he starts to growl, bark or pace in circles, you will know that he is upset about something. You need to look out for these signs so that you respond in the right way. The best thing to do is to know what makes your pitbull puppy calm again. If he does not like being around new people you can move him away or keep him distracted with his favorite treat or engaged with his interactive dog toys until he is calm.5. Be his alphaEstablish dominance by showing your dog that you are his leader and that he should obey you. Being an alpha is more of taking certain actions that your dog will immediately learn that you are his leader. For instance, in trying to establish dominance over your pit bull, you need to lead him when he is on a leash and not the other way round. Most dog owners make the mistake of letting the dog run in front of them while they follow. That is wrong. Make sure he understands some basic commands and give him treats when he follows them. Always enter a room or the house first before he does. Show discontentment with bad behavior immediately. Once you have established dominance over your dog, training him will not be a difficult thing to do.6. Always use positive reinforcementThis is actually the most important pitbull training tip that I will share with you. Positive reinforcement works best when you want teach your dog a lesson. Most of us lose our tempers when our dogs do something wrong. The minute you begin shouting at your pit bull puppy or even worse, smacking him, he will turn to be aggressive and will definitely not respect you as his leader. Dogs just like kids, like to be treated and praised when they do something good. Give him his favorite treat when he follows through your command, pat him on the back and give him praise. This will be motivation enough for him to remember to be obedient next time because he knows there is a treat in the offing.7. Be consistent in your trainingThere are times that your dog will get you off guard and you will be tempted to let him walk away scot free without learning that whatever he has done is bad. Never give in to his cute looks and adorable eyes. Always be firm and consistent in your training. The minute you slack you will lose your alpha position and your dog will no longer respect or obey you as his leader. Be firm but friendly. A fair leader always gives credit when it is due and points out where there is need for correction. The same should also apply when you are training your pitbull puppy.8. Conduct some leash training on your puppyIt is not good for your puppy to follow you only when the leash is tight. Train him to follow you even when the leash is loose and he has the freedom to move around. Training your pit bull puppy on a leash will give you an easy time when you are outdoors. Dogs are generally curious and excited to be outdoors. Training him on a leash will help you to always have him under control.9. Train him not to bite! Pit bulls are naturally aggressive as a breed. When still a puppy, you might not see it as much of a problem if you spot him nipping or trying to bite people. You need to curb this behavior before it gets out of hand. Once he is a fully grown dog, his biting might have dire consequences. Give him a lot of chew toys that he can bite whenever he feels the urge. This will keep him at bay and distracted from trying to bite other people or yourself.10. Socialize him when still youngTiming is everything when it comes to pitbull obedience training and socialization. Introduce him to other dogs and make him to get used to strange faces that he has never seen before. You should socialize your pit bull puppy when still young if you want to have the best results. The best place you can begin is a recreational area like your local dog park. However, ensure that he has been cleared by a vet and done all his vaccines before exposing him to other dogs. Interacting with other dogs will help him learn how to behave around other dogs and people as well.11. Give high quality dog foodCan you imagine learning on an empty stomach? Ensure that your pitbull puppy is well fed before you take him through his training sessions. Wet dog food is the most ideal because of its high nutritional value and moisture. Cheap dog food is always very inadequate when it comes to nutritional dog protein that every dog needs in order to grow healthy and strong. Wet dog food and plenty of fresh water will also help your pit bull puppy stay hydrated and very alert during training. Good quality diet will also greatly reduce the chances of your pitbull dog getting sick.12. Consider Doggy Dan the online Dog Training programAdvanced dog training is good for your pitbull puppy. Doggy Dan the online dog trainer has a useful program which will help you learn how to train your pit bull fast. He is a skilled professional that has helped many other dog owners to successfully train their dogs to obey every command. Just in case you think that your dog has a stubborn behavior that will not go away, Doggy Dan has the solution for you. There is a lot that you stand to gain once you enroll for this amazing program which I am sure that your pit bull puppy will thoroughly enjoy. In conclusion, doggy dan the online dog trainer's program will guide and help you with useful training tips that will definitely be useful in raising your pitbull puppy. Make sure that you train him when he is still a puppy, socialize your dog with other dogs and humans as well. Remember that positive reinforcement is the way to go if you want your pit bull puppy to always obey your commands. Share — copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format for any purpose, even commercially. Adapt — remix, transform, and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially. The licensor cannot revoke these freedoms as long as you follow the license terms. Attribution — You must give appropriate credit , provide a link to the license, and indicate if changes were made . 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