



Who is the best trainer?

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There is no such thing as the best trainer. Every trainer in their own way and in their style of training sets them apart from others. Since dog training has so many avenues, one might have to seek out a trainer that is very knowledgeable for a specific type of training they seek.

What makes a seasoned or master trainer is the amount of years they have invested in their training. Just like anything else, the same type of training you search for may be found in many trainers. However one must see and access the amount of years they have under their belt.

Once you feel you have found a few suitable trainers for you and your dog, now you must choose. Your first decision should be from the moment you called them on the phone and how



much time they put in with you. Were they polite, were they trying to rush you, did they promise the moon and so on ...? If you had left a message how quickly did they get back to you? Use your gut feeling. Ask what method or ideologies of training are they working by.

Remember that if anyone says they only use a specific method that's a red flag. The reason for that is a well seasoned trainer will use a mix of training methods to achieve the final goal. Since all dogs are not the same and their learning curve is different from one another.

First and for most you must feel comfortable with the trainer. Secondly see the patients level not only with you or your dog but how relaxed and easily explains and answers your questions. Thirdly see if they are listening to you or trying to quickly sell you their services. Fourthly just because they are a trainer; listen to them and see if what they say makes sense, if it doesn't that's a red flag.

Find out what the program consists of and the frequency. Also how long is each course? Ask what happens after the course will they be there to help you if you come across problems and is there any charges? A professional will always have your back regardless how long after you would need their help without charge.

Any courses you take should always carry a lifetime support.

Any professional trainer should have a very strong background in behavior, psychology and ethology.

Every trainer specializes in certain field's examples; obedience, agility, all



levels of protection, schutzhund, sport dogs, hunting, search and rescue, herding, hunting and the list goes on.

You as the owner of the dog know what you want as the end result for whatever type of training you are looking for, which will differ from another person.

The trainer must also be well groomed, polite, and timely. They must be able to explain in a clear and understanding voice, to any questions you may have.

The bottom line is you must feel comfortable with your choice. Remember just like everything else in life, you get what you pay for. Since this is an investment for long term chose wisely.

You are the best trainer for your dog; all you need is proper guidance by a professional.

The trainer will explain to you, then program the dog and give you guidance as you are working with your dog.

Training isn't hard as long as you are willing to put time and follow my formula to have success; Patience, Persistence, Consistency & Repetition. If you still fail, it's on you, not your dog. You didn't stick to the formula.

Have a woof woof of a month. If you're interested in our dog training services, feel free to call.

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