

CONSISTENCY IS ALWAYS THE KEY

The thing to remember with the mat is it is not a punishment, for all dogs having a job is important and the mat is like a job. Go, follow the rules, get paid.

For the most of us it is simple but when the Boss doesn't know what they are doing the confusion gets to us all. so before you start, it is important that you know the rules.



PAWS DARWIN: MORE THAN JUST REHOMING

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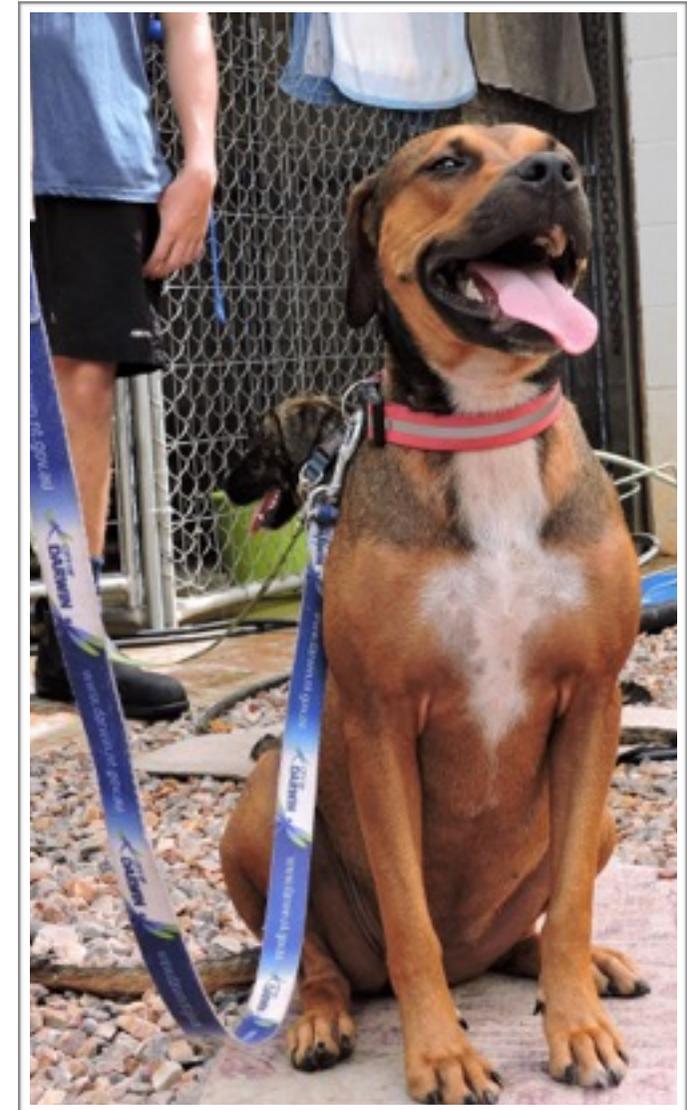
THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Do not preempt bad behaviour till it happens, then correct.
- Make sure you are not standing on the mat.
- To correct the dog's behaviour do not use hands to pushback to the mat. This is a nudge not a kick.
- The dog will pick the level which you need to correct at.
- Bending over, looking into your dog's eyes or laughing at behaviour will undermine your position as pack leader.
- As the pack leader you need to be confident and show it, so read your notes well.
- If you are struggling, come to classes and start your first session there, where expert help will guide you.



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MAT TRAINING INFORMATION



PREPARE YOUR MAT

- Make sure it doesn't fold or slip, PAWS Darwin has some available.
- Only ask your dog to do something once, then follow through to show them how it is done.
- Point and command "on your mat", then direct them there with your lead.
- If they step off the mat, return them to the mat.

This may need to be done repeatedly, and then again. You need to be consistent!



"Any question or problem behaviour that I asked about was answered very informatively. My dog really enjoyed coming to the classes, and as a first time dog owner I learnt a lot of useful training tips" - Feedback from a Paws Darwin adoptive parent.

SIT DROP AND STAY ARE OBEDIENCE COMMANDS

To do them well they have to have a start point and a finish point. If you give the dog these commands on the mat then they have to stay in that position until you end the command.

What we want to achieve on the mat is a relaxed and happy dog within its boundaries. When the dog is laying down on the mat reward the dog. Once the behaviour is consistent, relaxed and no moving, the dog can be rewarded by releasing the dog from the mat.



RELEASING

To release the dog from the mat, step forwards with your right foot calling the dog. A big payout reward when it follows you off the mat.

REPEAT

Repeat the mat training and increase the amount of time the dog spends in the relaxed position

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