

While doing this bit of training if your dog doesn't go into the correct position



you are attempting, just use the correct command word for that position .



e.g., if you attempt the 'down' and your dog stands just use the word 'stand' and praise your dog. This is

the reason why we always wait for the dog to go into position before putting in a command word.

You can now put these three commands into a series and reward after all three have been achieved. Don't always use the same sequence as your dog will soon learn what it has to do to earn its reward. As typical with a Ridgeback only do short bursts of training of about five minutes as they soon become bored of repetitive training methods.

Getting Your Dog to Walk to Heel:

Start by holding a loose lead in your right hand and have your dog on your left hand side, put a few treats in your left hand and rest your forearm against your left leg. Hold the treat at the right



height for your dog to smell it, and start to walk in a left hand circle (anti-clockwise).



Every time the dog is in the correct position, give your command word 'heel', close or

side it doesn't matter, and reward the dog with a treat. Puppies cannot do two things at once, so let your dog finish eating the treat and start walking again. The reason for walking in this left handed circle is the dog is always on the inside of you and is unlikely to be distracted by anything as it has to pay attention to where you are walking.

The Wait:

The difference between the 'wait' and the 'stay' is 'wait' means 'wait there something interesting is going to happen next' (i.e. wait there while I check to see if it is safe to cross the road). While 'stay' means 'stay in that position until I return to you' - this is more of an obedience competition thing but it still has its uses in general life i.e. stay



while I pick up some glass off the floor.



To start the wait command, have your dog on the left hand side. Show your dog that you have no treats in your hand and give the command 'wait' - now stand in front of the dog so that your feet are in



front of theirs, give the command word 'wait' and return to the dogs side. Give the command word 'wait' then reach into your pocket and reward the dog with a treat.

The Stay:



With the 'stay', choose the position that you want to use, either the 'sit' or the 'down' will be easier than



the 'stand', as with the 'stand' it is very easy for the dog to move towards you.



Start with your dog on the left, if you have chosen the 'sit', hold the lead up between the dogs ears so as to stop the dog

from lying down again, show the dog that you have no treats in your hand, now move your right leg sideways and lean away from the dog giving the command 'sit - stay'. Return back to your dogs side and wait a couple of seconds before rewarding your dog.



If you choose the 'down' position get your dog into the 'down' and put your foot on the lead and repeat as in the 'sit, stay, but use the command 'stay, down'.