



## Puppy Training Help

### 6 Top Tips for New Puppy Owners

Time and time again, I hear new puppy owners saying that they are doing everything by the book. Sadly many of these books are actually out of date with the modern understanding of dogs' brains and behaviour. Here's a secret for you.

*They really have no idea about good and bad.*

They simply investigate the world to find out what makes them happy and what's best to avoid. You may be thinking, well yes, so if I shout at my puppy for stealing a sock then they'll know that's the wrong thing to do. And you can see that they know they've done something wrong - because they put their head down, curl their body and pull their tail between their legs, or perhaps run away to their bed.

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Unfortunately, all that this shouting does is to teach your puppy that you can sometimes be strange and angry in their presence. Well, you know, this plays real havoc with recall (come to me training) - why should your puppy want to come to you when you're sometimes angry when they are near you. This wee covering puppy is simply responding to your strange behaviour. Puppies don't know good from bad.

 Punishment Doesn't Work  Teaching with kindness does

Your puppy wasn't trying to be devious or bad. So what can we do to help our puppies develop in the best possible way? Well, here are 6 top tips to help you to avoid puppy problems.

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|  Don't take the food bowl away                                   |  Add tasty treats  |
|  Don't tell your puppy off when they steal something             |  Be puppy tidy   |
|  Don't give them the whole car boot to travel in                 |  Make a very small very secure, non slippy place for them to travel in |
|  Don't allow your puppy to nibble your fingers                   |  Gently move your fingers away and encourage their teeth onto a toy    |
|  Don't shout at them when they jump up                           |  Teach them to sit   |
|  Don't think they're stubborn when they refuse to move on a walk |  Encourage them to move forward with treats or toys                    |

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