



## Remote Spray Training Guide



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# General Tips

- Eliminate one misbehaviour or teach one obedience command at a time. If you move too fast with the training, your pet may become confused.
- Be consistent. Give your pet a negative tone or spray correction with each misbehaviour.
- Do not over-correct your pet. Use as few sprays as possible to train your pet.
- Unless you can supervise him, it is recommended that you restrict your pet from situations in which he has a history of misbehaving. However, setting up a situation as a training session can dramatically improve your chances of success.
- If your pet reacts to the training by hiding or acting fearful, redirect his attention to a simple and appropriate behaviour such as the “Sit” command.
- Pets should be at least 6 months old before using the Remote Spray Trainer.
- Only let responsible family members use the Remote Spray Trainer. It is not a toy!

**⚠ WARNING** Not for use with aggressive dogs. Do not use this product if your dog is aggressive, or if your dog is prone to aggressive behaviour. Aggressive dogs can cause severe injury and even death to their owner and others. If you are unsure whether this product is appropriate for your dog, please consult your veterinarian or a certified trainer.

# Teaching Your Pet the Positive Tone (Side Button)

Before using the Trainer to correct your pet, spend 10 to 15 minutes per day for 2 or 3 days helping him create the association of the positive tone with reward and praise. To accomplish this:

1. Push the Side Button (Positive Tone) for 2 consecutive seconds.
2. Release the button and immediately reward your pet with verbal praise, petting, or a small food reward. Spend 3 to 5 seconds on your rewarding.
3. Wait a few minutes and repeat holding the Side Button (Positive Tone) for 2 seconds following with praise. Vary the reward to prevent your pet from anticipating a specific type. This stage of training is complete when your pet obviously anticipates a reward when he hears the positive tone.

## Using the Negative Tone (Upper Button)

As soon as your pet begins the earliest sign of misbehaviour, press the Upper Button (Negative Tone). For example, if you want to teach your dog to stay off the couch, press the Upper Button (Negative Tone) as soon as he puts one paw on it. Do not wait until he is completely on the couch.

1. Hold the Upper Button (Negative Tone) for up to 2 seconds at a time, releasing the button as soon as your pet stops the misbehaviour.
2. If your pet has not stopped the misbehaviour after two seconds of correction, release the Upper Button (Negative Tone), then press it again for up to two consecutive seconds.
3. Continue this sequence until the misbehaviour has stopped.
4. Once the misbehaviour has stopped, count out two seconds and then push the Side Button (Positive Tone) for two consecutive seconds.
5. Reward your pet after pushing the Side Button (Positive Tone) approximately once every 3 to 5 times, to help your pet maintain the association of the positive tone with reward.

# To Train Using Spray Correction (Lower Button)

You control the timing of the spray (Lower Button) being applied to your pet. The spray correction will be delivered with 1.5 second intervals. If you continue to press the lower button the spray will time out after 10 seconds. It will remain in time out until the button is released.

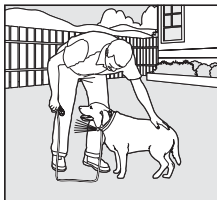
*Note: For any of these training methods to be effective, they must be used consistently along with the command you are trying to teach your pet.*

## Teaching Basic Obedience

### The “Sit” Command

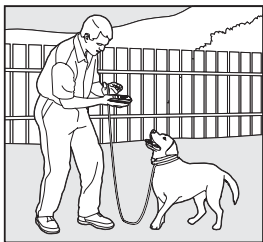
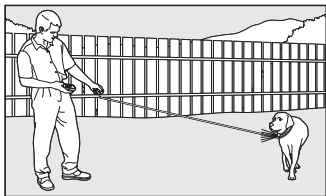
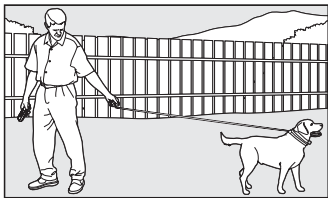
1. Put a separate, non-metallic collar on your pet’s neck BELOW the Receiver Collar, and attach a 3-metre lead.
2. Hold the lead and the Remote Transmitter in one hand. Keep your other hand free to guide your pet into a “Sit” position.
3. Press and hold the Lower Button (Spray Correction).
4. Immediately give the “Sit” command while continuing to hold the Lower Button (Spray Correction).
5. Release the Lower Button (Spray Correction) as soon as your pet is in position, and praise him.
6. Release your pet from the “Sit” command and play.
7. Repeat Steps 2 through 6.

*Note: If your pet breaks the “Sit” command, repeat steps 3 through 6. Keep your pet close to you while teaching the “Sit” command.*



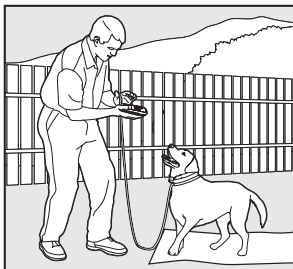
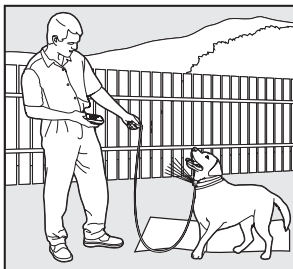
# The “Come” Command

1. Put a separate, non-metallic collar on your pet's neck **BELOW** the Receiver Collar, and attach a 3-metre lead.
2. Hold your lead in one hand and the Remote Transmitter in the other.
3. Wait for your pet to walk away from you. Using the Recognition Level for your pet, press and hold the Lower Button (Spray Correction) on your Remote Transmitter.
4. Immediately give the command “Come” while continuing to hold the Lower Button (Spray Correction).
5. Using the lead, gently guide your pet toward you until he begins to come in your direction.
6. Immediately release the Lower Button (Spray Correction) as soon as your pet steps towards you, and praise him enthusiastically.
7. Quickly move backwards as your pet begins to come back to you, praising him the entire time.
8. Praise your pet when he returns to you.
9. Repeat Steps 3 through 8.
10. Once your pet responds readily to the “Come” command several times, back away from him without giving a command. When your pet turns toward you, give the command “Come” (**WITHOUT SPRAY CORRECTION**) and praise him while you continue to back up. Praise your pet when he returns to you.
11. Use your lead to prevent your pet from running past you. If your pet manages to run past you, repeat Steps 3 through 8.



# The “Stay” Command

1. Put a separate, non-metallic collar on your pet’s neck **BELOW** the Receiver Collar, and attach a 3-metre lead.
2. Put your pet on his bed. Hold your lead in one hand and the Remote Transmitter in the other.
3. Staying within 91 centimetres, walk the perimeter of the bed. Do not say anything to your pet.
4. If your pet tries to leave the bed, press and hold the Lower Button (Spray Correction) and give the “Stay” command. Continue to hold the button until your pet is back on his bed. If necessary, use the lead to guide your pet onto his place.
5. Praise your pet when he is back on his bed.
6. Once your pet has settled for a few seconds, release him and play calmly.
7. Repeat steps 1 through 5.



# Eliminating Unwanted Behaviour

## Jumping Up

Pets typically jump up to get attention. If you do not want your pet to jump on you, then friends or members of the family should not encourage this behaviour. That means every time your pet jumps on someone, he should be reprimanded or redirected to an alternate and acceptable behaviour, for which he can receive praise.

*Note: It is best if your pet first understands the “Sit” command.*

1. Choose your pet's Recognition Level.
2. As soon as your pet lifts his paws off the ground to jump on you, press the Lower Button (Spray Correction) and give the command “Sit.”
3. Release the Lower Button (Spray Correction) immediately once your pet is sitting, and verbally praise him.
4. If your pet ignores the spray correction, increase the Spray Level by 1.
5. Practice this exercise in several different areas and use different people for distractions.



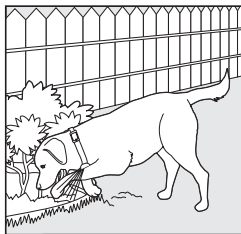
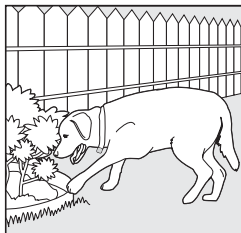


# Digging

It is important to first understand why your pet is digging. Many dogs, such as terriers, were bred to flush out prey, and digging is very innate to them. Other dogs may be digging to find a cool spot to lie down, or simply out of boredom. Your pet may no longer have the desire to dig if he is provided with the following:

- A cool, shaded area in which to lie down, and plenty of water.
- An alternate activity, such as a favorite toy.
- Plenty of play, exercise, and attention.
- A lawn free from rodents or prey that he may be trying to flush out.

1. Choose the Spray Level 1 higher than your pet's Recognition Level.
2. Place the Receiver Collar on your pet and wait at least 10 minutes before placing him in the lawn. No other people or pets should be in the lawn, as you do not want your pet to associate the Spray Correction with anything other than his digging. Your pet must be securely fenced in or contained during training.
3. From a window or area where your pet cannot see you, wait until your pet begins to dig.
4. While your pet digs, press the Lower Button (Spray Correction) and release it when he stops digging. Only press the button while your pet is in the act of digging, and do not say anything to him.
5. If your pet ignores the Spray Correction, increase the Spray Level by 1.
6. Continue to watch your pet, as he may choose another area to dig.
7. Do not allow your pet in the lawn unsupervised until he has completely stopped digging.



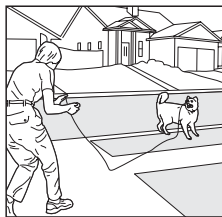
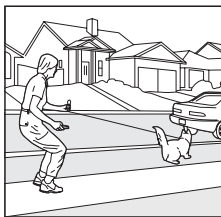
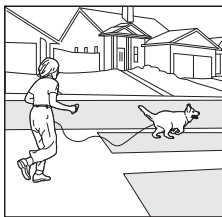
# Chasing

Chasing is an instinctive behaviour stimulated by moving objects. Some dogs have a particularly strong desire to chase that can put them in harm's way and leave you helpless. Never allow your dog off the lead or out of a contained area until he has learned the "Come" command, regardless of the distraction. Be consistent and correct your dog every time he chases something.

## CAUTION

It is vitally important that you and your dog remain safe while carrying out this training. Your dog should be on a strong leash, long enough for him to attempt to chase an object, but short enough for him not to reach a road or other unsafe area. You must also be physically strong enough to restrain your dog when he tries to chase.

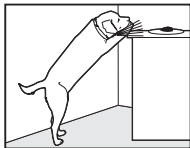
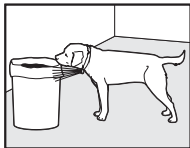
1. If your dog has not learned the "Come" command, keep a lead on him so you can physically stop him before he reaches the object he is chasing.
2. Choose the Spray Level 1 higher than your dog's Recognition Level.
3. Set up a scenario where your dog is enticed to chase an object. Common items could be cars, motorcycles, bicycles, etc. (Do not use toys).
4. When the object passes in front of your dog, make sure to hold the lead with a firm grip. As soon as your dog begins to chase the object, press and hold the Lower Button (Spray Correction) until he stops.
5. When your dog stops chasing the object, immediately release the button, walk backwards and give the command "Come." Praise your dog as he comes to you.
6. Repeat the process until your dog stops chasing the object.



# Refuse Raiding

The easiest way to prevent refuse raiding is to remove refuse and tempting food from your pet's environment. You can use the Remote Spray Trainer to teach your pet to stay away from these items; however, you must be prepared to correct your pet every time he approaches them.

1. Choose the Spray Level 1 higher than your pet's Recognition Level.
2. Pick a temptation for your pet and position yourself where he cannot see you.
3. While your pet's mouth is touching the temptation, press and hold the Lower Button (Spray Correction). Immediately release the button when your pet leaves the temptation.
4. Do not say anything, as you want your pet to associate the spray with his behaviour, not you.
5. If your pet does not respond to the Spray Correction, increase the Spray Level by 1 and repeat the process.
6. Repeat this process in several different locations with different temptations.



# Excessive Barking

Barking is an instinctive behaviour for dogs. It is impossible to keep your dog from barking entirely, but you can teach him to be quiet when you give him a command.

*Note: This will only be effective when you are at home with your dog.*

1. Choose your pet's Recognition Level.
2. Put your dog in a situation that will tempt him to bark.
3. When your dog begins to bark, press the Lower Button (Spray Correction) and give him the command "Quiet."
4. Immediately release the button once your dog stops barking and praise him.
5. If your dog ignores the Spray Correction and continues to bark, increase the Spray Level by 1 and repeat the process.
6. Practice this exercise in different areas using different situations that would cause your dog to bark.



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