

June, 2008 – Technique: It's Not Just Anything, It's Everything

Those of you who attend our group classes know that **TECHNIQUE** and **CONSISTENCY** are the key elements that directly affect successful canine obedience training.

Dogs are “body-readers”, they immediately assess their environment and their situations; they read your body language, this is why proper technique and consistency are so important.

Master Trainer Clarke Inghram, will tell you time and time again: "Technique and consistency are not just anything, they're everything".

The "Masters" and "Students" who attended our Saturday May 17th, group training session are highlighted in this month's newsletter. Every person in this group class has worked diligently and consistently to achieve positive results with canine obedience training.

Many of our "Masters" in this class are working with their "Students" off-leash.



After a successful group training session, there is always time for praise, love and affection.

Proper Technique leads to calm, composed and tolerant canine companions:

As you can see (photos above) our "Students" are very focused and are listening attentively to their "Masters". This is what successful off-leash obedience looks like.



Also notice "Masters" come in all shapes, ages and sizes. It is one's technique that defines successful obedience training not age, weight, etc...

Technique includes but is not limited to:

- * The way you hold your leash
- * The way you use your wrist and fingers
- * The way you step-to or step-back
- * The way you slide your feet to touch
- * The way you slide your left foot to bump