



# Paws and Possibilities™

Teaching you to train your dog, one paw at a time

## Manners vs. Obedience

### Obedience

- When you tell your dog what to do and expect the associated response
- "Sit", "down", "stay", "come"
- This can be an effective way to manage and control your dog

It is hard for the average dog owner to achieve a level of obedience that keeps a dog under control during an exciting situation. Typically, when the dog is released from the command, they revert back to doing the behavior we wanted to avoid in the first place.

**Example:** When a guest enters your home, you can have your dog can "sit" and "stay" to avoid jumping up on the person. However, this requires a high level of obedience training, which takes time to achieve. When the dog is finally released to greet the guest, do they go revert to jumping?

### Manners and Etiquette

- How your dog acts when you do not tell them what to do.
- Politely greet guests, does not touch food on the counter or table, acts appropriately when walking by another dog or person on leash

This is what most owners truly desire and it's easy to train

- You do not need to micro-manage your dog's every move to ensure it is well-behaved!

**Example:** When a guest enters your home, you can have your dog politely greet the person without jumping, barking, or mouthing their hands/clothes. All of this can be done without saying a word to your dog! You will have peace of mind knowing that you can focus on your guest and not have to worry about the dog acting inappropriately.

*Paws and Possibilities specializes in teaching you how to train your dog. Unique training plans are created to meet your specific needs. Complicated training ideas are explained to you in a way that makes sense, and results are measurable. Call 410-424-0858 for more information or visit [www.pawsandpossibilities.com](http://www.pawsandpossibilities.com).*