Management

What is it, why do we use it, and how does it work?

Prevention and management are two essential elements of training your puppy.

In training, we often want to replace undesired behaviors with incompatible behaviors—for example, a dog that's sitting can't be jumping at the same time. However, it's important that we reduce the amount of time our dog engages in the undesired behavior while we work on the solution.

The more your dog practices a behavior, the better rehearsed they are to continue doing that behavior! Management can help you prevent them from practicing behaviors that you're trying to eliminate.



What is Management:

- Things you can do to change your dog's behavior NOW
- Helps prevent your dog from practicing undesired behaviors
- Can be a helpful "quick fix" when you don't have time right now to train



Examples of Management:

- Play pens
- Crates
- Baby gates
- Closing doors
- Tethers
- Keeping your dog on leash
- Keeping counter tops clear
- Window-film to reduce visibility
- Calming caps
- White noise machines



When to use Management:

- To prevent chewing and destruction
- To prevent counter-surfing
- Around children or other exciting triggers
- To prevent your dog from jumping on guests
- To keep your dog from bolting through doors
- In between training sessions





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