

Paws & Claws' Doggie Daycare Language

Basic Tricks, Commands, and Language we expect our dogs to know or learn within 8 weeks of entering our program.

Important note: dogs respond to visual cues better than verbal cues! Use the physical cues!

<u>Command</u>	<u>Physical Cue</u>	<u>Desired Outcome/Expected Behavior</u>
Attention	(verbal only) Say their name!	Your dog makes eye contact with you.
Sit	Pinched fingers facing upwards. (Like an Italian chef blessing a meal)	Your dog sits down.
Shake	Open hand, palm facing up, at chest level.	Your dog rests their paw on your open hand.
Touch	Open palm, fingers facing sideways, at face level.	Your dog uses their nose to touch your palm.
Down	<i>**For use when you want a dog to lie down**</i> Use a pointer finger to point towards the ground, kneel down if it helps.	Your dog lies all the way down, belly to the floor. <i>**It is important to distinguish the 'off' and 'down' commands because we are asking for two separate behaviors.**</i>
Off	<i>**For use when a dog is jumping up on people, another dog, or getting off furniture**</i> Walk into the dog.	Your dog will cease jumping up. <i>**It is important to distinguish the 'off' and 'down' commands because we are asking for two separate behaviors.**</i>
Wait	Open hand, palm facing out, fingers closed or apart.	Your dog holds the position or command you need.
Come	(verbal only) Say their name + "come".	Your dog responds to their name being called and follows the sound back to you. When working on basic recall in a group, whistle to signal to the dogs "Stop what you're doing and come over here, I'm giving out treats!"
Gentle/Easy	(verbal only) Say their name + "gentle/easy".	We use these verbal commands interchangeably when dogs are beginning to play too rough. If more intervention is required, slip leads are utilized. By using these commands, dogs will learn that if they continue to play rough/rougher after hearing "name, <i>gentle/easy</i> ", they will lose access to play.
Yes	(verbal only) Change your intonation depending on the command you're marking. I.e. A drawn-out "yesssss" for waiting vs. a quick "yes!" for a sit.	This is a marker word (similar to a clicker sound) that lets the dog know the behavior they're displaying when you say "YES!" is the desired behavior. <i>*This does not mean they are free to stop the behavior, simply that the behavior is correct.*</i>
Break	Quickly sweep your hand downwards.	This signals to the dog that they are free to stop the previously requested behavior and do as they please.