

SoCal Dog Training Tips & Tricks



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What to Expect with Your Dog When Expecting

What to expect from your dog after a baby:

- 🐾 Disobedience
- 🐾 Hyperactivity
- 🐾 Unruliness
- 🐾 Doggy ADD
- 🐾 Jealousy
- 🐾 Aggression

In our day to day practice, we see the distinctive changes in a dog's behavior when a woman is pregnant. Why? Because her body chemistry changes; the dog can sense and smell these changes. Because her emotional state, sometimes changes; the dog gets more nervous. Because the house begins to change, in preparation for the baby, the dog gets confused. As you become increasingly busier, the dog's long walk is suddenly shorter and now the dog is more hyper as his physical energy isn't absorbed. These are only just a few changes, wait till you bring the baby home. So what can you do?

- 🐾 1. Get your dog trained and under control before the baby arrives. You won't have the time or energy once the baby has arrived. Can you imagine you finally got the crying baby to sleep and your dog starts barking and wakes up the baby, only to have the baby start crying again.
- 🐾 2. Find a good in-home training professional as a group class really won't work for you. You are having problems in the home not, in a classroom.

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- 3. Look for the school who doesn't just offer fancy warranties, but a school that always delivers maximum results. Remember a one day visit with the promise of coming back in 6 weeks isn't going to get your dog trained. You need to have an instructor work with you several days on a consistent base, to get maximum results. You need a personal coach to learn the art of training your dog. Don't take my word for it. Just look at the graduates.
- 4. A one time visit isn't going to solve your behavior problems as quick fixes normally fix nothing. You and your dog need to get the full understanding of what is expected in your relationship in order to get the long-lasting results.

There are very few good dog training schools. Check with your veterinarian, local pet store, or just look at your neighbors and friends with well-behaved dogs. Look how their dog walks or behaves under all different types of circumstances. Make your own choice based on what you see. Due to our great success, we would happily recommend to you good dog training schools.

Learn the commands and exercises that will enhance dog/baby relationship. Like taking the baby in the stroller and the dog for a walk at the same time, putting the dog in place or down stay while you change diapers, feed the baby or try to get the baby to sleep.

Remember your dog is not your baby it is not even your relative. Were as your new baby will need your mothering skills, your dog can take those mothering skills as weakness. Your dogs' mother knew how to reinforce her commands, she can bite or she can lick. Learn the rules of a canine mom's leadership. A mother dog only gives the command once and than reinforces. So make sure that you never say a command you can't reinforce and always be prepared to deliver the consequences.

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If you are thinking all this is fine, but I am ready to deliver the new baby anytime. Now what? What steps should I follow when I bring the baby home from the hospital? How will I introduce the dog to the new baby? Will there be a conflict or acceptance? Let us share with you some additional secrets to make the first meeting be a complete success. Before you actually bring the baby home from the hospital, follow these simple steps:

1. Before you bring the baby home, bring home a soiled diaper. Let the dog smell the diaper.
2. Record your baby crying and play it back for the dog to hear.
3. Buy several new toys for your dog and put the babies scent on them. Also, take the dog's favorite toy and rub the babies scent on it.

When you bring your baby home for the first time, some things that could help are:

1. Give your dog a long exercise session before you bring the baby home.
2. Before you both come home, one of you enter and greet the dog nonchalant and allow him to calm down.
3. One person brings the baby in while the other has the dog on the leash. Correct the dog if he tries to jump. Let the dog sniff if he wants and tell him he is a good dog while he sniffs. If the dog could care less, that is ok too.
4. Try to stay calm and relaxed throughout this meeting.

The relationship between a child and dog can be a wonderful thing or it can be disastrous it is up to you to decide. Behaviors that are cute and acceptable are not when you have the added responsibility of your new baby. Get control of Fido before of your relationship with your dog turns from love to hate.