



Dog Behavior Management vs. Dog Training (modification)

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While both management and training are important, they serve different purposes. Management helps prevent unwanted behavior in the moment, while training focuses on long-term behavior change. When building a routine that works for your dog, it's essential to incorporate both — management to set them up for success now, and training to help shape lasting habits over time.

Dog Training:

Dog training involves teaching your dog a behavior. This can be as simple as working on basic commands, or something more difficult like navigating an agility course. The most important part of dog training is that your dog is learning a behavior.

The following are a few examples of training:

- Basic commands, such as sit, come, stay, or down.
- Navigating the poles on an agility course.
- Tricks such as roll over, play dead, and speak.

Dog Behavior Management:

Management refers to controlling the environment the dog is in. This approach focuses on what the person is doing and how the situation is set up. Management allows us to prevent certain behavior loops. For example, when bringing a new dog home, giving them restricted access to the home, not allowing them the chance to chew your favorite shoes or pee on your expensive rug, is management.

The following are a few examples of management:

- Feeding a dog with extreme food resource guarding in a crate.
- Placing your over aroused dog in a separate room (with an enrichment tool) when people enter the home.
- Walking away from dogs or people when walking with a reactive dog.