

TOP 100 BEHAVIOR & MANAGEMENT TIPS FOR NEW WOLFDOG OWNERS



Before we go into the top 100 Behavior & Management Tips For New Wolfdog Owners, I would like to introduce our [Facebook Group](#) and the collaboration that went into this list.

[Wolfdog Behavior & Management](#) (Facebook Group) helps educate new and existing owners through the combined efforts of the group. This group allows fundraising for wolfdog related issues such as sanctuary needs, finding a trainer with wolfdog experience, containment plans, re-captures, organized retreats etc.

In this group we invite all trainers of all backgrounds to help answer posts, give advice, and post training videos. This group provides a range of theories and methods so Wolfdog owners can find what works best. Humans by nature need options and wolfdogs by nature all have their own corky personalities.

The purpose of this group is to provide a database of unbiased knowledge that may in the future save a wolfdog from being euthanized and prevent losing our rights to responsibly own a wolfdog.

Despite our backgrounds, knowledge or experience we're all in this together to create a welcoming environment. Our group treats everyone with respect. Healthy debates are natural, but kindness and support is what our group is known for.

All members have been great at practicing the art of listening with each other for proper communication & understanding. This is a safe group as we have learned very quickly that when new wolfdog owners don't feel safe to express their stories or experience, then resistance begins and learning & sharing stops.

Our group is designed for newbies, there is nothing a veteran would learn that they don't already know, but this is a great *beginner group that veterans and breeders can send their friends, family and clients to find valuable resources in a safe environment* where egos are put aside in order to properly support our breed and the people that want to learn about them.

How this list came about is a very funny story actually. It all started with a post that I titled "What top 10 tips would you give to a new Wolfdog owner". I have to admit, This was a clear error on my part as our group quickly pointed out. Without further adieu here is your top 100 tips instead ;-)

1. Be committed

Do not get a wolfdog-puppy or an adult for a pet if you are not fully committed in caring for it. Without commitment, you can never train your wolfdog effectively. By being committed, as well as by loving your pet, you would have the necessary drive to do what needs to be done, in order to train your wolfdog well.

2. Never give up

Whether you are trying to train an adult wolfdog or a puppy, you need to be aware that it requires time and a lot of patience, in order to get your wolfdog to perform the things you want them to do. In other words, you need to be patient about it. Aside from that, you should never give up, so that they would be able to understand what you want and do it.

3. Be positive

Be positive at all times when it comes to training your wolfdog. A positive attitude will mean a lot for your wolfdog, since they can feel when you become frustrated or angry. Being positive means that you have to praise them whenever they do something good. Aside from that, you should also believe that your wolfdog can do it, so as to encourage a more positive atmosphere.

4. A Proper enclosure.

A proper enclosure is a must for any content. Don't think of it as a cruel, inhumane cage. In fact Wolfdogs have it better than most dogs trained to stay in crates. For a Wolfdog it's a place to sleep, hide from danger and for breeders even a place to raise a family. The enclosure becomes your dog's safe environment, where they can find comfort and solitude while you know they're safe and secure (and not shredding your house while you're out running errands)

5. Do not forget about your Wolfdog's health

Before training your Wolfdog, you have to make sure that they are in top condition. This is because a Wolfdog that is not feeling a hundred percent well would not have the focus that you want them to have. They should be a happy and healthy dog to begin with, which is why you should make sure that they eat nutritious foods, and they should be taken to a veterinarian for regular checkups.

6. SOCIALIZE!! Take your Wolfdog for a walk.

Walking your wolfdog can make them happy. It can also ensure that they get enough exercise, which would promote their health. Doing this on a regular basis would make your wolfdog see it as a routine; and, this would make positive results in your training program, especially if you do it on a regular basis as well. Below link shows a video example:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUDJNnqbNPI>

7. Play with your Wolfdog.

Don't just leave them in an enclosure like a zoo, daily walks should just be one of the things that you do on a particular day. In other words, do not do it for the only time that you spend with your dog. Play with him whenever you can, so that they can feel that being with you is not just all about learning new things, but having fun as well.

8. Train your dog in a place free from distractions.

You have to take note that Wolfdogs can get easily distracted. In other words, if you want their full attention on the trick or task that you need them to perform, then you should make sure that you are doing it in a place free from distractions. Keep in mind that for distraction training your other pets can offer to be a distraction, as well as other people in your household.

9. Get to know your wolfdogs language.

Pay close attention to their body postures. They communicate with vocals and body postures - face, tail, back, everything. What you say with your body trumps what commands come out of your mouth. Their body including yours is key. They are so much more clear with what they say with their body postures than other dogs or breeds.

10. Touch Conditioning

Start touch conditioning, like touching their toes, front and back to start trimming their nails and "Treat afterwards". Also, take your wolfdog to the Vet's office and let them know you are just socializing it. This will get your wolfdog desensitized to the scents of urine, cleaning products, other dogs,

and having your wolfdog stand on the weight machine. It may be a possibility that you would have to teach it to wear a muzzle in case of emergencies

11. Be the leader

Dogs naturally follow a leader in a pack. Thus, you have to establish being a leader, so that your wolfdog will follow your commands. Establishing your leadership does not mean your dominance, think of it as meeting your child's emotional psychological and physical needs. Your wolfdogs perception of what you represent in their environment should be that of what you represent to them. You are in charge of controlling and managing the environment and in charge of safety and security. They learn by observing you, kinda like children.

12. Reward your wolfdog's good behavior.

Giving rewards to your wolfdog should not be limited to whenever they follow your commands. Whenever you see that they have done something good on their own, you should reward them to encourage that behavior. By doing this, your wolfdog would be able to know that they have done something good, and would do it again and again.

13. Use your wolfdogs name.

Use your wolfdogs name whenever you need to get their attention. If you have just gotten them home, then you should use it as often as you can, to get them oriented to it. Thus, whenever you are giving them their food, you should call them by their name, as well as whenever you want to play with them or take them for a walk.

14. Be serious in giving a command.

Whenever you want to give a command to your wolfdog, you have to be serious about it. In other words, you should not let them ignore it, since that could become a habit that would cause problems in the future. If you are not ready to enforce your command, then you should give it another time.

15. Volunteer at a Sanctuary.

Volunteer at a sanctuary or Start with a low content, don't be tempted to jump in at the deep end without gaining some experience first. Visit other wolfdog owners of all contents if possible to see first hand what you're getting into. Ask as many questions as you can. Research as much as possible.

16. Never reinforce undesirable behavior.

There are times when your puppy does something bad, but funny at the same time, which may make you forget about correcting them for it. Although funny bad habits can make you laugh, you should still make your wolfdog aware that it is not good. If you let him do it without addressing the behavior, then that would be the same as reinforcing it. Never reinforce negative behavior, since that can be hard to get rid of in the future.

17. Do not punish desirable behavior.

Punishing desirable behavior can be confusing to your wolfdog, which is why it should not be practiced. Keep in mind that you may be doing it, even without your intention. For example, if you want your puppy to eliminate outside the house, then you should be with him until he does it. Leaving him alone outside may make him feel that they are being punished, especially if they want to be with you.

18. Never punish your dog after calling him.

Calling your wolfdog and punishing them is not a good practice, since he has just followed your command. This can make him have second thoughts of approaching you whenever you call him and is the fastest way to lose their trust in you, which is very difficult to earn back.

19. Do not blame your wolfdog for misbehaving if he is not well.

You should be able to know signs that can tell you whether your wolfdog is sick or not. This is because, there may be times when he does not behave as well as you want him to be, due to a certain ailment. With that, you should not punish him, but instead, get a veterinarian to check on his condition.

20. Training your wolfdog with a leash and a collar.

Some wolfdogs may become uncomfortable whenever you put a collar and leash on them. Thus, you should do it while your pet is still a puppy, so that they can get used to it early on. Walk your wolfdog around the house with a leash first, before taking them outside, so that you can train them properly.

21. Positive social interaction.

Having positive social interaction is one of the basic needs of wolfdogs, which you need to fulfill, prior to training them. With that, you have to make sure that you would greet him whenever you meet inside or outside the house. Aside from that, you should also let other members of the family socialize with him, so that he would feel that he belongs.

22. Let your wolfdog feel secure and safe.

Before you can even get your wolfdogs attention for training, you have to make sure that he feels secured and safe whenever he is with you. Thus, if you have just gotten a puppy, you should consider the fact that you have just separated him from his mother. With that, you have to comfort him and situate him in a place where he won't get hurt, so that he would feel secure.

23. Provide proper food and water.

Providing healthy foods for your pet would not just ensure that he is in good shape at all times. It would also make his senses sharper, which would greatly help when it comes to training him. Thus, make sure to give him nutritious foods, and fresh water at all times, so that you would be happy with the results of the training.

24. Let your pup sleep with you in the room in the beginning.

Depending on the age of your pup you taking them away from their mother and litter is a predatory behavior. Remember the pack sleeps together and eats together.

25. Give your wolfdog proper exercise.

Walking your wolfdog and playing with him are just some of the examples of activities that you can do, in order to give him enough exercise.

Exercising your wolfdog would not just improve his physical condition. It would also make him feel that you really care for him, which would encourage desirable behavior. On top of that, it would also make him reciprocate by following your commands.

26. Training your dog is a day to day activity.

Aside from doing your training sessions each day, you should also keep in mind that your wolfdog learns something new, each time he interacts with you. Thus, you need to make sure that whenever he is with you, you should focus on shaping his good behavior. Inform other members of your family about it, so that they can all help in shaping up your wolfdog's behavior.

27. Correcting Bad Behavior.

Whenever you need to address your wolfdog's actions, you should make it as clear as possible. Aside from that, it should also be short and well defined. By doing it this way, you would be preventing your wolfdog from getting confused. Aside from that, it would also help him remember the lesson better.

28. Use one syllable word commands at the beginning for puppies.

If you have just started training your wolfdog, you should see to it that you are giving commands that have one syllable only. For example, instead of using sit down, you should use sit, so that it would be easier to understand and remember for him. Do it this way, so that your wolfdog won't have difficulties in following what you want.

29. Petting Encourages Behavior.

Always remember that whenever you are giving rewards, you would be encouraging a particular behavior more. Thus, you need to be mindful of the times when you reward your pet, since you may accidentally reward him for misbehaving. Aside from that, keep in mind that rewards are not limited to giving treats or foods. wolfdogs can also see a petting the back, or simply the absence of a punishment a reward.

30. Address bad behavior

. Whenever you see your wolfdog misbehaving, you should address it immediately, to put a stop to it. Punishing is not done by hurting your dog. One example of it is to just say “No”, or to stop playing with him, if he gets too physical. Aside from that, you can also leave him by himself, to make him feel that you didn’t like what he has done.

31. Punishment suppresses a behavior.

When you punish your dog for misbehaving, you need to keep in mind that it only suppresses it. In other words, it does not eliminate the behavior entirely. Thus, you need to take note that it is still very possible for him to repeat his bad habit again. Monitor his actions all the time, so that you can remind him that misbehaving is not good.

32. Expectation Drills

Learn expectation drills from expert dog trainers or by simply buying a book about it. Letting your wolfdog go through expectation drills can help a lot, since such drills can make him acquire new skills. Learn about the different expectation drills, and practice them one at a time, so that you can make your dog a skillful one. This link is an example of an expectation drill: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WolfdogBehaviorManagement/permalink/2523284571074795/>

33. Having a single goal on each training session.

Focusing on a lot of training goals in a single training session would not help much. You should focus only on one goal in one session, In other words, if you focus on too many goals, then you may not be able to achieve any one of them even in two sessions for a day.

34. Start with the basics first.

You need to start with the most basic commands first, in order to proceed to more complicated ones. This is because basic commands can help you gain more control over your wolfdog. For example, if you have already taught him to “sit”, then you can always use that command, in order to get his attention in doing other commands.

35. Be aware of your wolfdog’s feelings.

There are times when your wolfdog may not feel like following your commands, since he did not have a good night’s rest, or he is in a bad mood. You should know how to tell your wolfdog’s feelings, so that you can use it to decide whether to proceed with a training session or not. If he is not in the mood for it, then you can simply play with him, or sit down while watching the sunset.

36. Awareness of your actions is important.

Being aware of your actions is important when it comes to training your wolfdog. You should be aware of how you waive your hand or the tone of your voice, since it can affect your wolfdog’s attention. For example, if you are waiving your hand too much, then instead of listening to your voice, your wolfdog may be looking at it.

37. Practice self-control your emotions.

You cannot expect to achieve success in training, if you cannot control yourself. With that, you need to practice self-control, in order to control your wolfdog. Training requires a lot of self-control, since it can take a lot of effort and time to get your wolfdog to follow your commands.

38. What to do when you feel frustrated?

In training your wolfdog, you need to be aware that there would be times when you would feel frustrated about it. Whenever you feel angry at your wolfdog though, you should not proceed with the training session. Instead, let your wolfdog do what he wants to do, and come back when you have already calmed down.

39. Do not punish your puppy whenever he fails to follow your

command. There may be times when you feel that your puppy is testing your patience by not following your command during a training session. However, you need to remember that canines usually want to please their owners. In other words, you simply need to spend more time teaching him about the command, for him to follow it. Do not punish a puppy that is still in the learning phase, since it would just confuse him more.

40. Walking the wolfdog.

Whenever you are walking your wolfdog on a leash, do not tighten the leash, since it can hurt your wolfdog. Aside from that, it can also make him pull you as a counter response, which is not good. Keep his leash loose, so that he can enjoy the walk more, and would look forward to it day by day. If he is a puller, find a trainer.

41. Groom your wolfdog.

Grooming your wolfdog would ensure that he always feels comfortable, which would have positive results in your training sessions. Thus, it is best that you do it regularly. Make sure to do the grooming yourself, since it is also an activity, which would bring you closer to each other.

42. Focus on one command at a time.

Always remember that wolfdogs can have a hard time distinguishing two commands, especially if they are conflicting. Thus, it is always best to focus on one command at a time. Do not make your pet's life confusing, so that he would have a better time in following your orders.

43. Use the words "Good" and "No" on a daily basis.

Learning the meaning of the words Good and No should be one of the basic things that you need to teach to your wolfdog. This is because you would be using these words on a daily basis whenever you interact with him. Your wolfdog should know that whenever you say Good, it means that he has done something right. On the other hand, whenever you say No, he should know that he has done something wrong.

44. Nagging your wolfdog should not be practiced!

Nagging your wolfdog is not something that should be done, since it would not bring any kind of positive results. If you do it to your wolfdog, it can only mean two things to him, it would mean nothing since he does not understand what you are saying or it can mean something negative, due to the tone of your voice. In any case, it should not be done, since it would not be beneficial for both of you.

45. Only one person should give a command at a time.

Your wolfdog would have a hard time telling which person to follow, if two people would give him conflicting commands at a time. Even if the command is the same, it is still best for only one person to give it at a time. This way, your wolfdog would be able to pinpoint which person and command to follow, instead of getting confused.

46. Consistency is key.

Being consistent is very important in training your wolfdog. Practicing consistency means that you need to use the same word for a certain behavior all the time. Aside from that, you should also be consistent addressing his bad practices, so that he would be able to put it in his mind.

47. Preventing aggression problems.

It is very important to prevent aggression problems as early as possible, since it can hamper your training program. Thus, you should make sure that the moment your wolfdog or puppy sets foot into your house, necessary things should be done to make him happy, secure, and content. By doing this, it would make him easier to train, aside from preventing behavioral problems.

48. Don't get a wolfdog if your family is not on the same page.

If you are getting a wolfdog, make sure that your whole family agrees with your decision. Aside from that, they should also share the same passion as you have for your pet. This is because your family would also be interacting with your wolfdog on a daily basis. Thus, they can all affect his behavior and development, which are some of the factors that determine the success of your training program.

49. Make your new puppy relax in his new environment.

In bringing home a new puppy, you have to consider that he would be looking for his mother as well as the other puppies that he has been with. Making him relax in his new environment would help him respond to your training positively. To achieve that, you can place a warm hot water bottle beside his bed and a ticking clock inside the room, so that he would feel similar things as he did when he was still in his litter.

50. Be with your puppy as much as you can.

When your puppy is left by himself for long periods of time, it may lead to practicing destructive behavior, especially when he gets bored. Thus, you should spend as much time with your puppy as you can on a regular basis. Having a healthy playtime, such as playing with toys would help a lot not just in establishing your connection with him, but also in preventing boredom.

51. Taking your puppy to the veterinarian.

Training your puppy to become calmed and collected in going to the vet is necessary, since you would be doing it for the rest of his life. With that, for the first instance, you should make him feel as secure as possible, so that he would be relaxed. For example, you should place him on your lap while you are talking to the vet or waiting for your turn, instead of putting him on the floor.

52. Put a stop to your puppy's nipping and biting.

Training your puppy to stop nipping and biting is important, since he can grow a full set of teeth soon. To achieve that, you need to let him know that it is not a pleasant experience whenever he nips on your hands, by reacting adequately such as saying something that indicates pain. Aside from that, you can also stop playing with him, so that he would know that he has done something bad.

53. Your family is your team.

Get your family involved in training your wolfdog. With that, even if they won't take part during the training sessions, you should let them become more familiar with the commands that you use. Aside from using the same commands, all the members of the household should also handle and train the wolfdog the same way, so as to practice consistency.

54. Train your puppy in accordance with what is acceptable in your house. If you don't want certain things for your wolfdog to do inside the

house, then you should train him not to do it. For example, if you do not want him to treat your sofa as his bed when he grows up, then you should not encourage that behavior. Do not let him climb the sofa regularly, so that he won't consider it as his place to relax. If you want to cuddle him, just sit on the floor, or put him on your lap.

55. Your puppy's jumping up behavior.

Whenever your puppy wants to greet you or anyone in your house, it is quite natural for him to jump up. Reprimanding your wolfdog for doing this should not be done, since it just shows that he longs for your attention. What you can do is to simply ignore what he is doing, wait until he settles down. Once he is no longer jumping up pat him or pet your wolfdog, so that he would know that jumping up is not the way to catch your attention.

56. Reward your puppy for spending time with you.

Although it is simply irresistible for a puppy whenever you sit down on the floor and call him, you should always see to it that he enjoys every moment that he spends with you. Once he sees how rewarding it is to be with you, he would be ready to listen to you. With that, it would make training your pup easier in the long run.

57. What to do when your wolfdog is confused?

When you proceed with more challenging commands, it is quite normal for your wolfdog to get confused. When that happens, you should be patient and repeat teaching the behavior. Make sure to use the same word in teaching the command, so that your wolfdog won't get confused further. Do it repeatedly, and be open to the possibility of having to do it again for the next session.

58. Be confident and Assertive!

Your wolfdog can tell whether you are confident or not when you train him. He can see it in your body language, the tone of your voice, and how you handle him. You need to show him that you are confident, so that he can feel more secure in following your lead. Aside from that, your confidence level can also affect your dog's trust in you. Remember it's not lack of dominance that confuses a canine, it's your subconscious questioning your own action that confuses them.

59. Learn from your mistakes.

You need to keep in mind that in training your wolfdog, you may make mistakes along the way. There is no need to make a big fuss about it. Just go on with your training session like nothing happened, and make sure that you won't make the same mistake again. Learn from your mistakes, since that is one of its purposes.

60. There is no need to compete for dominance.

You won't have to compete with your dog for dominance. You simply need to be dominant by remaining the one that is in control at all times. Make sure that you know what you are doing, so that your wolfdog would simply follow you. Trust is also something that you need to gain, in order to become the dominant/leader.

61. Make it a point to integrate training into your dog's daily routine.

Integrating the training of your wolfdog to his daily routine can go a long way, as far as achieving success in your training program is concerned. For example, if you simply want to train him to sit down, you can always do that command, just before giving him his food. See to it that he sits down first before you give his food or treats, so that he can understand it better.

62. The importance of repetition.

Keep in mind that whatever you have achieved with your wolfdog today, he may be able to forget it tomorrow. This is where repetition comes in handy.

You need to repeat the same kind of behavioral command day by day, so that your dog can eventually incorporate it to his regular practices. The more you repeat your command, and the more you make sure that your wolfdog follows it, the more it would become effective to your wolfdog.

63. Practice fairness in treating your wolfdog.

Do not forget to be fair to your dog when you are training him. With that, you have to make sure that he understands what you want him to do. Aside from that, you should also understand his shortcomings. Be firm in teaching him to do the things that you want him to perform, so that you can achieve success.

64. Using the word No as a command.

Saying “No” to your wolfdog should be done at times when he does something bad. Using this word is actually quite effective, since it is very simple, which makes it easier for your wolfdog to understand. To ensure that he knows what you mean though, say no at the instance when he does something unpleasant.

65. Know what your wolfdog is telling you.

At the course of your training sessions, there are certain actions that your wolfdog would do, in which he does it to communicate something. It is best that you know what certain actions mean, so that you can act accordingly. For example, if your wolfdog suddenly stands still it may mean that he is not very comfortable with what you are making him do.

66. Paying attention to your wolfdog at times when he misbehaves.

Paying attention to your wolfdog when he does something wrong is good, but do not make it a point to only pay attention to him when he misbehaves. This is because your attention may become a reward to him, which would prompt him to do mischievous acts to attract it. With that, you should also

pay attention to him more times in a day, and make sure to let him distinguish between being reprimanded and being praised.

67. Fixing your puppy's chewing problem.

Chewing different objects inside the house can become a habit that your puppy develops as he grows older. To get it fixed, there is no need to hurt him, since it would not work. What you can do is to simply say "No" once you catch him in the act. After which, take the object from him, and replace it with a toy that he can chew on.

68. Using the tone inflection of your voice.

Your wolfdog can understand your commands better if you make use of the tone inflection of your voice more effectively. The tone inflection of your voice is actually very important. With that, you have to make use of different tone inflection for giving your commands. By doing that, it can help him distinguish whether you are happy or not, after he does something. Aside from that, it can also help you sound more firm in giving out commands.

69. The right time to start.

The best time to start training your wolfdog is when he is about 6 to 8 weeks of age. Starting at an early age is actually beneficial to your wolfdog, since it would become a regular thing to him as he grows older. However, always remember that it is never too late to teach an adult wolfdog new tricks.

70. Make dog training a fun activity for your wolfdog.

You have to keep in mind that your wolfdog expects every time spent with you as fun and exciting. With that, you have to make it a point to make every training session a fun activity. Thus, you have to incorporate little games in it, and do not forget to give him his treats, so that he would be looking forward to it.

71. How to start the next training sessions effectively.

After your first training session with your wolfdog, you may wonder how to start the next ones. To become more effective in it, you need to review the exercise that your wolfdog has learned in the previous training session. By doing this, you are ensuring that your wolfdog won't forget it, and would be able to see it as a regular practice.

72. Make sure that your wolfdog has motivation in learning new things.

To build your wolfdog's motivation in learning new things or commands, you have to make sure that he has the desire to spend time with you. With that, you need to build a good relationship with your wolfdog right from the start. Wolfdogs are known as creatures that really want to please their owner, and if your wolfdog has grown close to you, then it would do its best to follow your lead.

73. Reward your dog after every training session.

There are lots of things that you can do in order to appropriately reward your wolfdog after each training session. Avoid creating an obsession over treats, treats don't have to be the source of your relationship. You can also simply spend the day with him in his enclosure, especially if he shows signs that he wants to do that. This would make him happy, which would contribute a lot in his training progress.

74. Wear the right clothes and footwear.

You have to consider that when you are training your wolfdog, you would be engaging in certain physical activities with him. Thus, you need to wear the right clothes and footwear for the training session for you and your

wolfdog's safety. Use comfortable footwear that has good traction, so that you won't end up falling down on your wolfdog.

75. Choose the right time to train your wolfdog.

Some people train their wolfdogs early in the morning, while others train theirs in the afternoon. In any case though, you can select any time of the day, as long as it is not the time when your wolfdog has just eaten his meal. It is not a good idea to train a wolfdog with a full stomach, since it would lack the energy to perform the activities. Train him an hour or two after his meal time, to maximize the benefits of the sessions.

76. Making sure that your dog is comfortable in going through training. You need to make sure that your wolfdog is comfortable prior to training him, so that he would respond well. To achieve that, you can let him go out first, to relieve himself, before starting your training session. Aside from that, you can also let him drink a few sips of water, so that he won't feel thirsty.

77. Avoid games that encourage undesirable behavior.

There are certain games that you and your wolfdog may enjoy, which can promote undesirable behavior. One of which is by playing tug of war with him, since it can encourage him to pull his leash, bite at clothes, and so on. Think about the game that you are about to play with your wolfdog, so that you can ensure that it only encourages good behavior.

78. Effective Crate training.

Ultimately your Crate should be your enclosure. Then why are we talking about crate training you ask? Because crates are used during an emergency transport. Crate training your wolfdog should be done as soon as you bring him to your house as a puppy. To do it effectively, you need to

consider the place where you want to situate the crate, its size, the things that you want to place inside of it, and its bedding. Make sure to place the crate near to you, so that he would be encouraged in going inside. Make the crate as comfortable as possible for your wolfdog, so that he would see it as his own personal place soon.

79. Taking note of important elements in training your wolfdog.

There are important elements that you need to take note of in training your wolfdog. These elements are your body language, your tone inflection, your touch, as well as your scent. Incorporate all of these things in training your wolfdog, so that you would become more effective in it.

80. When to start training at a different place.

It is always best to train your wolfdog only at your own place, especially at the starting point of the program. However, once your wolfdog has become proficient in following certain basic commands, it is time to take him to a different place to continue with the training. By doing this, it would become more fun and exciting to your wolfdog, which can make him respond more.

81. Effective house training practices.

House training is one of the biggest challenges that each wolfdog owner would face, after bringing the wolfdog into his place. One of the things you can do for it is to take note of the times of the day, when your wolfdog would urinate or defecate. By doing this, you would have a better idea on which part of the day you would put more attention to him, so that you can properly house train him.

82. Using the crate for potty training.

If it is possible for you to crate train your puppy, then you should do it. This is because crate training can help out in a lot of things such as solving housebreaking problems, barking problems, chewing problems, and even separation anxiety. Aside from that, it would also help you to have more control over your wolfdog.

83. Gaining better control over your dog.

In order to gain more control over your pet wolfdog, you need to be aware of the things the he wants to do. Some of which would include playing, walking, and even talking to him. Keep in mind that initiating these interactions can also be rewarding to him. Thus, you should know when to initiate them as well as to terminate them, so that you can control him better.

84. Calming your overly energetic puppy.

One of the ways to calm down your wolfdog puppy if he is overly energetic, is to teach him some fun tricks. By teaching him fun tricks, he would be able to channel his energy into something better than simply running around. With that, you should learn how to teach your dog certain tricks to make him happier.

85. How to properly train your dog for tricks.

It is important that your wolfdog can differentiate whether you are giving direction or playing a game. For this reason start separating your obedience commands from your trick for treats. In the process of training your dog for certain types of tricks, you need to keep in mind that you need to eventually not use your obedience commands as a form of play to establish a two-way communication between you and the wolfdog. This would result in you becoming more in tune with one another, which would make it easier for your dog to differentiate tricks from directions that can save his life. Always start your relationship with establishing the communication first, since all would just follow. Tony the admin loves clicker training, but he always balances this out with good ole fashion communication & Understanding here is a webinar teaching that difference:

<https://grumpypuppy.clickmeeting.com/>

86. Recognize the fact that all wolfdogs are different.

Recognizing the fact that all wolfdogs are not the same can help you out with your training program. Whether you are going through obedience training with your wolfdog, or you are teaching him some tricks, you should know that not all established rules about it would work. Thus, you need to be prepared in making adjustments, so that you and your wolfdog would be happy in going through the sessions.

87. Tools to use for training.

When it comes to training your wolfdog with tools, remember that tools fall under two categories. A.) Training tools B.) Control & Management tools. If you use food when training, then training must always be maintained using food. If you use force, then training must always be reinforced with force. Although tools can create faster results, your goal should always be eventually establishing better communication & understanding. Below is a recording of a live facebook feed regarding tools: https://youtu.be/bqS35m_ANLM

88. It is you who should make the decision in putting a stop to a certain exercise.

Whenever you command your wolfdog to do something, you should be the one that makes the decision to put a stop to it and not him. For example, if you ask him to sit down, then you should not let him decide on his own when it is time to move from the place. This will help in establishing an expectation over your pet. However, make sure not to let him follow a command for too long, to be fair to your wolfdog.

89. Learn more about your wolfdog.

Keep in mind that apart from the fact that all wolfdogs are different, they also have certain things in common; and, you can tell that according to their traits. Thus, you should do your research about the kind of traits you

wolfdogs are known for. By becoming more familiar of his basic characteristics, you can make it easier for you to understand him.

90. Invest time and effort.

You need to keep in mind that you have to invest time and effort in building a relationship with your wolfdog. It is important that you build a healthy relationship with him, so that you can gain his trust and that he is happy to be with you. Just like human relationships, you need to invest a lot of your time and effort in your relationship with your wolfdog, so that each of you would be able to take his part in the team effectively.

91. Building trust with your dog.

To make your wolfdog do what you want him to do, you need to build his trust in you first. Building trust with your wolfdog should start the first time that you meet. You need to constantly provide a feeling of security to him. Aside from that, you should also make every interaction with him a pleasant one. Never hurt your wolfdog, since that could make him lose his trust in you and be on defensive mode.

92. Watch expert trainers do their work.

One of the best ways to develop your skills as a trainer to your wolfdog is to watch experts in this field regularly. There are clinics and seminars you can attend. Aside from that, there are also lots of dog training videos on the web that you can access anytime. Watch these experts more, so that you can take note of important things in training your wolfdog.

93. The fun of teaching your dog some tricks.

Training your wolfdog for certain tricks is fun not just for you, but also for your pet as well. There are lots of tricks that you can teach to your wolfdog such as to take a bow, shake a paw, and play dead. Learn about the steps in teaching these tricks, so that you can have more fun with your wolf.

Maybe even get him featured in a movie!

94. How to tell if your wolfdog does not trust you.

Telling whether your wolfdog trusts you or not is one of the best things to do, prior to training him. If he leans away from you when you are trying to reach out for him, then it is a sign that he does not fully trust you. If this is the case though, then you should not proceed with the training program first, and focus more on establishing trust with your pet. Do not I repeat do not ask or train a wolfdog without first establishing trust.

95. Handling wolfdog problems.

Handling wolfdog problems is part of the entire training process. However, you should take note that not all wolfdog problems are due to your wolfdog trying to dominate you. In most cases, it is just a simple case of fear or the lack of trust, or even improper handling. With that, you have to work with your wolfdog as much as you can, since it also wants to please you as his owner.

96. Do the opposite of your wolfdogs activity level.

Doing the opposite of your wolfdogs activity level can help you achieve certain things, such as calming down a very energetic wolfdog. For example, if you act very calm in front of your energetic wolfdog, then he can also calm down, especially if you ignore him when he constantly jumps up on you. If your wolfdog is a bit lazy, then act more energetic in front of him to entice him to play with you.

97. Observing your wolfdog's eyes.

When you talk to your wolfdog, you should look at his eyes, to see his reaction. Aside from that, it would also make him understand you better. By looking at your wolfdog's eyes more, you can tell whether he is frustrated or

angry at certain things, which can help a lot in training him, as well as whenever there are strangers around.

98. Don't flick your wolfdog's nose.

Some people think that flicking the wolfdog's nose can teach it to behave better. However, this can actually agitate your wolfdog and would make him lose his trust on you. Thus, in any case, you should not flick your wolfdog's nose, even if you are trying to reprimand him. Just saying "no" to him on a firm tone should already get the message across effectively.

99. List down your goals.

Making a list of your training goals is one of the best things that you can do to keep track of the things that you need to achieve. Aside from that, it would also serve as your checklist of the things that you have already achieved with your wolfdog. Moreover, you can also add some notes into it, such as the things that you may need to have, so that your training would become more effective.

100. What to do when things get out of control.

If all your efforts end up not achieving your training goals with your wolfdog, then it may be a good idea to consider professional help for it. Choose a reputable trainer who wouldn't just train your wolfdog, but also teach you how to train your wolfdog effectively as well. He should know how to teach you how to supplement his methods, so that you and your wolfdog would be able to start on a better relationship moving forward.

Join our facebook group and feel free to pass along this information to friends and family that can use the help!