

Training Games for the Australian Shepherd Puppy

Games are excellent teaching aids and one of the best ways to say I love you to your puppy.

Puppy games are a great way to entertain your Australian Shepherd and yourself, while subliminally teaching lessons in the course of having fun. Start with a game plan and a pocketful of tasty dog treats. Keep your games short so you don't push his attention span beyond puppy limits. Here are some examples of puppy games:

Puppy Catch-Me

This game helps teach the come command. With two people sitting on the floor about 10 or 15 feet apart, one person holds and pets the pup while the other calls him: "Puppy, puppy, come!" in a happy voice. When pup comes running, lavish big hugs on him and give him a tasty treat. Repeat back and forth, but don't overdo it.

You can add a ball or toy and toss it back and forth for the puppy to retrieve. When he picks it up, praise and hug him some more, give him a goodie so that he releases the toy and then toss the toy back to person number two. Repeat as before.

Hide and Seek

This is another game that teaches the pup to come to you. Play this game outdoors in your yard or another confined safe area. When pup is distracted, hide behind a tree or bush. Peek out to see when he discovers you are gone and comes running back to find you (trust us, he will do that). As soon as your puppy gets close, come out, squat down with your arms outstretched and call him: "Puppy, come!" This is also an excellent bonding aid and teaches your puppy to depend on you.

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