

Making YOUR life easier!

Wait at Doors



**I wish knew this easy skill when I got my first dog..
Waiting at doors will make your life soooo much easier and
your dog a better companion.**

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- This skill has multiple purposes.
- First, it teaches your dog not to bolt or run out of a door without your permission.
- Second, it starts teaching your dog self control.
- Third, it teaches your dog not to drag you through doors.
- After all, your dog has to have self-control not to bolt through a doorway when the outside is calling him like a SQUIRREL!



Real Life Experience

The reason I believe in the “Waiting at Door”.

I opened the garage so that a maintenance person could come into the house upon arrival. After knocking on my door, he stuck his head inside my kitchen door and called me. I He asked me if I had left my garage door open that goes into my back door. I said no and panicked because I the dogs were in the backyard. I looked around the corner, all four dogs were standing at the threshold of the garage door. None had gone through that door. Good Dogs! If they had not been taught to wait at doors, they would have run out into the neighborhood and into the street.

Objective

- To teach your dog to wait at entrances or exits until given permission.



What it will enhance and why it will make **YOUR** life easier

Self-control. A skill that many dogs do not have and need. This will teach your dog to wait at doorways. You will no longer have to worry about your dog running through the door and possibly into the street and thus preventing life threatening situations.

What you need

This is one of the easiest skills to teach your dog/puppy.

All you will need are some soft yummy treats.

I find Amazon a great place and they make it so easy because any purchases are delivered to my door.

Below with a link is one of my dogs' favorite treats.



[Amazon](#)
[Triumph Super](#)
[Premium Dog treats](#)
[00851 Dog Salmon](#)
[& Sweet Potato](#)
[Jerky, 24-Ounce 1.5](#)
[pounds](#)

How to Teach Waiting at doors

- Use a safe door/entrance, like your bedroom door, where your dog can not get away from you.
- Have a leash on your dog. You and your dog should be in front of the closed door and on the side that opens away from you.
- Open the door.
- Quickly shut the door if your dog even “thinks” about going through. Do not say anything, just shut the door. Don’t slam the door on your dog, just shut the door.
- If your dog waits at the door, quietly praise him while he waits. Drop a few treats on the floor near his feet to reward his waiting.
- If he moves towards the door, quickly shut the door so that it makes a “whooshing” sound.

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How to Teach Cont...

- When your dog is waiting patiently, step through the doorway. If your dog tries to go through with you, make a slight leash pop or step into your dog. This will stop your dog's forward motion.
- When your dog is waiting patiently, release your dog and let him come through the doorway. Use a definite verbal command tell to tell your dog that he is permitted to come through the doorway.
- Practice this using a variety of entries and exits so your dog will understand that he is to wait until given permission to go through. Examples: all doors, gates, crates, garage doors and car doors.
- Set up situations at home to test your dog's waiting at doors. For example, answering the door and have a guest enter, have family members exiting while you hold the leash and ready to give a quick pop if your dog tries to go through.
- Remember to praise your dog and feed him for waiting. Do not forget to release your dog.

Reminders:

- ❖ This is not a stay command. Your dog should wait without any attempt to go through the entry.
- ❖ A leash is used on your dog to prevent your dog from accidentally slipping out the door. The leash must be loose and the door is the deterrent.
- ❖ Do not use a command. This is your dog's choice.
- ❖ Make sure you practice this with your dog's crate door as well. Your dog cannot come out until he has been released. Use the crate door in the same fashion.

What to Watch for:

- * Only release your dog when he is making a correct choice.
- * Do not release your dog when he is heading towards the door.
- * Keep the behavior fresh by practicing and reinforcing on it a regular basis once your dog knows to wait. the skill.

NOTE: if there are children in the house ask them to say "wait". It will help your dog understand the command from children and help with consistency of not crossing the threshold.



- This wonderful training exercise can be used every day to help your dog build impulse control and manners.
- Remember training is 24/7.
- Train all openings and thresholds. Crates, gates, car doors etc.
- Make your job of being a responsible dog owner easier. No more chasing your dog down the street because he ran out the opened front door after a squirrel or a cat.
- Doesn't that sound nice?

I hope you have enjoyed this
Extra Bonus!
I am sure it will make your
life **EASIER!**



I would love to hear
from you.
If you have questions or
comments,
please feel free to contact
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About the Author

Debby Quigley has trained, taught, and competes in agility, rally, nosework, scent work, and obedience. She started teaching her dogs the basics and went on to competing and teaching a wide variety of dog sports as well as continuing to help all dog owners with behavioral needs. Early in her career, she was known as a problem solver for dog behavioral, training, and competition issues. She gets a great deal of satisfaction helping people achieve their goals with their dogs. For 18 years Debby has also owned **Dogwood Dog Training** the #1 dog training school in Houston, Texas.

Competition highlights:

Over 200 AKC Obedience High in Trials

Over 150 AKC Obedience High Combined

Three times placed at AKC Invitational

Multiple AKC Otch's, Mach's, PACH's, TD's,

Author of "Success is in the Proofing" book

Multiple wins and placements at National events.

Numerous National rankings

