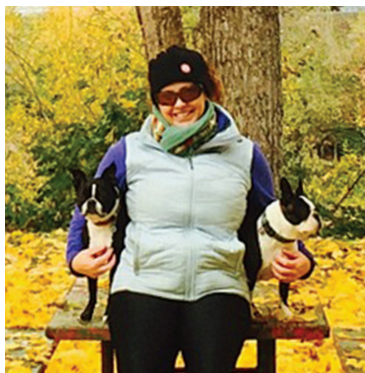


4paws ON THE ROAD

Traveling and Camping with Companion Animals

by Jenn Gehr



Jenn, Thanks so much for your time in helping me with my dogs' training while we were together in Sunriver at the Thousand Trails. Just to be clear, what are steps/commands I can use on a daily basis to ensure the new learned skills stay fresh and in place for years to come? You have wonderful dogs and I know Jessie and Scout benefited greatly from our many hours of socializing. Any other suggestions are always welcome.

Sincerely, Lori Davis

JENN Hello Sweet Lori, Jessie and Scout, Helping you all was truly my pleasure and we look forward to many years of friendship. As you continue on with your training, use the fundamentals of having the dogs “look” at you in the face when you ask for a specific command. Start each training session with this verbal/visual command and be sure you are quick to reward! Do this by bringing your hand up close to your chin while holding a small treat. Clearly say the word, “LOOK!”. The moment they look at you, reward. Very quickly your dog will be enthusiastic to “look” at you when you say because you will be rewarding them for doing so. Once this basic command is firmly established, you can use your “look” hand to refresh the elementary commands such as sit, stay and come all without verbalization and only with hand signals. Vary the reward with positive words, treats and smiles

to keep them happy and engaged. Be sure never to scold and go slow enough that your dog doesn't anticipate the command or get confused. Change up the order in which you ask for the command-Dogs are smart and will begin training you if you're not careful! Build on the hand signals with action words like

front, up, down, off, left, right, back up, away (or “go”), quick-quick (for fast either to me or away from me) stop, go-around and slow. Be consistent in your training and use your words and with the hand signals until they are one in the same. Try to hook up with an agility trainer to work these specific commands and further your bond...or, met up with me more often! Remember to use critical non-action words for positive training such as good quiet, good stay and wait. Dogs can't be loved on enough and even if you never step foot into a show ring, yours can be just as well trained for real life applications that are sure to impress and warm all of your hearts'.

Hi, Jenn, I am an avid walker and being able to have the dogs come along with me sure makes the miles all the worthwhile. I am careful to keep the dogs on short leashes as I live in a city with sidewalks and cars. Many times I walk early in the am or after sunset and I'd love to have a way to illuminate the dogs for more safety in low light conditions. My Hubby and I also love to camp and being able to quickly identify the 4 dogs individually with a collar light would be super functional. I have tried the small, clip on style lights but they are hard to see at a glance and from a distance. Have you any better suggestions for us?

*Thank you, Andrea and Ted Craig
Reba, Cooper, Mia and Ella*

JENN Hello, Craig Family and 4 Paws! I'm excited to share with you my favorite new LED collar line up from BreakOut Gear that has solved my same “lost in the dark” problem. I used to use the small clip-on lights to help locate my dogs in the dark but most of the time, I couldn't see the light behind their chest and shoulders. Having more than one dog really requires more than one light color and the BreakOut Collars come in 4 sizes and 6 super bright LED colors-light blue, green, yellow, orange, red and pink. All sizes are the same 1-inch width and feature 3 different LED light settings of solid, delay and flashing. They day glow collars are so bright they act like little flashlights around your dog's neck. In the snow, the lights literally create a colored halo around your dog's area of travel. I have used my collars for well over 50 hours and so far, the brightness level is the same as the day they were new. I love the sturdy “D” ring leash or tag clip and easy to use heavy-duty quick snap. I contacted the wonderful sellers of this dog collar and asked for a special Promo Code for our readers! They happily obliged! Search BreakOut Gear LED Dog Collars or www.breakoutgear.com/collections/dog-collection/products/led-light-up-dog-collar Free shipping right now and Use “TRAILBLAZER” for a discount – Retail is \$12.95. I believe this item will solve your problem and allow you and others to quickly see your beloved pets at all hours of the day! I even started using the LED collar around my ankles in the flashing mode when I'm walking or riding my bike during low light or poor weather visibility conditions. Safety is really important and this collar is a step above to help you be seen!

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