

North Fork Animal Welfare League / Riverhead Animal Shelter 🛎



Vocabulary: It is essential that everyone involved in the dogs training use the same vocabulary. Otherwise it is very confusing for the dog. We ask all the volunteer's to try to use these words to assist in our efforts to help the dogs in our care to become well behaved. This helps them to become adoptable and training helps them to stay in their Forever homes. The more consistent we are will be helpful for the dogs and the dogs will learn they need to behave for everyone. This will set the dogs up for success and success means adoption!

Dog's Name Always, Always: use the dog's name before asking anything of your dog!

Come Come when called

Sit Assume a sitting position

Lie Down **Down**

Stand Assume a standing position and stay still

Remain in position until released <u>Stay</u>

Heel Come and sit on my left side and walk on my left side

Quiet Stop barking

Inside Go inside the house, car, kennel, crate, etc.

<u>Move</u> Get out of the way

Off Get off the sofa, people, the towel, my foot, etc.

Different from Stay, it is only for a short time; example while <u>Wait</u>

locking front door, putting on gloves, tying your sneaker, etc.

<u>OK</u> Release word, okay to move from sit, down, stay, etc.

Leave It Leave it alone; the remote, towel, kids toys, shoes, etc.

Drop It Drop whatever is in dog's mouth, remote, towel, kids toys, etc.

Watch Me Dog to look up into your eyes.

Dog to take what is being offered, cookie, food, toy, etc. Take It

Get Busy Dog to relieve themselves, pee, etc.

Go Smell Dog is free to go smell and not have to walk close to you, leash is lose.

Walk on the grass, out of the road, a car is coming. On the Grass

Off the grass, out of someone's driveway, etc. In the Road

Touch Having the dog touch your hand with their nose or another desired target.

Four on the Floor Having the dog keep 4 feet on the floor, not jumping.

My Pace This is useful if you are going to control jog with your dog, telling them they need to go at

your pace.

Walk Walk is used when you go from jogging to a walk. (Walk is to mean walk with me at my pace).