

What is Management And Why Does My Puppy Need It?



You may be feeling at this point in your relationship with your new puppy that the word you use most often is “NO!” It is not uncommon for new owners to feel frustrated and even angry at the amount of mischief their new puppy can get into.

Management is controlling the environment to prevent bad behavior from occurring and eliminating the need for corrections or punishment. If your shoes are not left out, then the puppy is unable to chew them. If you give your puppy valuable chew toys, he is unlikely to chew the table legs. If you remove your hands as play things and substitute a plush toy, you will not be injured by ravenous puppy teeth. For every behavior problem, there is a management solution that should be put in place.

What might be a couple examples of problem behavior diverted by the use of management?

Problem Behavior#1: _____

How Could it be managed?: _____

Problem

Behavior #2: _____

How could it be managed? _____

Management not only allows the pup and owner to maintain a good relationship while developing good training skills, but aids in the training process itself.