

## 25 Uses for Down



- 1. Down for a veterinary exam.
- 2. Down for husbandry tasks such as clipping back nails.
- 3. Down as emergency cue when dog is running off or toward danger.
- 4. Down stay while family eats a meal.
- 5. Down stay on a mat away from door when visitors enter home.
- 6. Down stay when encountering something you need to go deal with (e.g., something dangerous like a snake, helping someone who's fallen down).
- 7. Down stay while dinner is being prepared.
- 8. Down stay while working with another dog in the house.
- 9. Down stay while you are doing sit ups or yoga.
- 10. Down stay while you are getting the children ready to leave for school.
- 11. Down stay when being petted by small children.
- 12. Down on a mat with a bone or chew when the family wants to relax at night.
- 13. Down stay can discourage some dogs from barking at other dogs in a class.
- 14. Down to prevent your dog from running off.
- 15. Down at the door to stop your dog from jumping on guests.
- 16. Down at the door to prevent your dog rushing out when you open it.
- 17. Down and roll on his side for grooming.
- 18. Down and relax while you're watching TV or using your computer.
- 19. Down and relax while you visit with friends and relatives.
- 20. Down stay to prevent your dog being underfoot when you're working in the kitchen/busy.
- 21. Down stay at family gatherings such as birthday parties.
- 22. Down stay at outdoor events such as kids' soccer games.
- 23. Down stay on a walk when you stop to pick up after your dog.
- 24. Down to teach the "rollover" trick.
- 25. Down to teach the "play dead/go to sleep" trick.