

Basic Hand Signs for Deaf Dogs

Good Job



Flash a simple thumbs up. Communicates to the dog that he has given the correct behavior.

Watch Me



Point to your eyes with two fingers. The dog turns and looks at you.

Touch



Hold your hand down, palm facing the dog, with the first two fingers extended. The dog touches his nose to your hand.

Sit



Hold your hand out with the palm up and lift. The dog puts his backside on the ground in a seated position.

Down



Hold out your hand with your palm down, and lower it toward the floor. The dog lies with belly and elbows touching the ground.

Stand



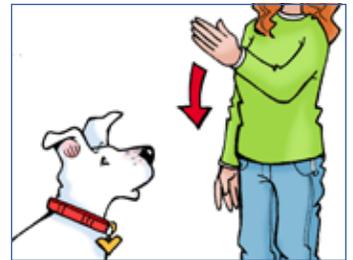
Extend your hand in front of the dog, palm facing the dog with the first two fingers extended. Pull away. The dog stands up on all fours from a sit or down.

Stay



Flash your hand with palm facing the dog and fingers pointed up. The dog remains in the position you place her in until you release her.

Wait



Move your hand down ward in a chopping motion, palm facing the dog. The dog waits patiently to eat, move through doors, and play with toys.

Leave It



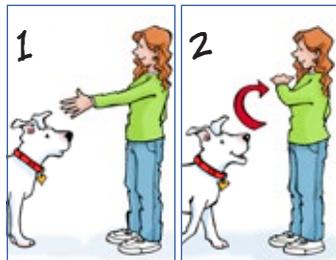
Hold up your index finger and wave it back and forth in front of the dog. Prevent the dog from putting anything forbidden into his mouth.

Drop It



Hold your fist in front of the dog, palm down, and open it, fingers wide, as if you're dropping an object. The dog reliably surrenders anything in her mouth.

Come



Extend your open hand (1) and pull it to your chest (2). The dog bounds joyously to you.

Off



Hold your hand up with palm facing the dog and wave it quickly back and forth. The dog puts all four feet on the ground and keeps them there immediately on cue.

Heel



As you take a step forward, move the arm next to the dog forward with palm open and facing forward, fingers pointing down. The dog walks beside you in a relaxed fashion.

Place



With your index finger extended, move your outstretched arm from pointing at the dog's nose to pointing at his place. The dog goes to a designated place, lies down and stays until released.