

# **DTC Practical Protection Dog & Handler Training Program**

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### **Obedience Profile: The Target Training Exercises**

- 1. Basic position off leash**
- 2. Basic position on leash**
- 3. Heel with muzzle** (accepts on & off leash muzzle)
- 4. Long down** (duration 15 minutes)
- 5. Long sit** (duration 15 minutes)
- 6. Handler out of sight, long down** (8 -15 minutes)
- 7. Leave it** (people, food, dogs & objects)
- 8. Food refusal** (hand offer, thrown & ground)
- 9. Off leash control** (basic intro)
- 10. Distance control** (basic intro line okay)
- 11. Custom exercise of handler choice**

### **Protection Profile: The Target Training Exercises**

- 1. Defense of handler** (dog guards' handler)
2. Out-recall
3. Out-down
4. Call off (dog is called off by handler no bite)
5. Dog turns on/off aggression when directed (type of alert)
6. Dog can handle 3 types of conflict/threat (optional)
7. Gun sure all exercises

### **Social Profile: Target Training Exercises Pet Type A**

Obedience - Control - Socialization for home access

1. Placement training: elevated platform, stool or room
2. Bed stay 15 minutes or longer
3. Down stay during normal distractions & tasks
4. Crate stay duration 15 min or more (optional)
5. Boundaries are well defined
6. Answer door-controlled alert
7. Answer door neutral
8. Accepts muzzle during daily social interaction
9. Custom exercise

## **Social Profile: Target Training Exercises Pet Type B**

Obedience - Control - Socialization for public access

1. Accept friendly stranger and dog is neutral
2. Sit for petting, dog holds position for duration of contact from handler
3. Down for petting, dog holds position for duration of contact from handler or stranger
4. Walk on lead in public
5. Walk through crowds
6. Reaction to other dogs' neutral
7. Reaction to common distractions neutral
8. Separation from handler, handler leaves dog with trusted person: friend, vet, groomer, dog sitter or other
9. Grooming handling & restraint
10. Clinical exam & restraint handling

The required target training exercises are posted above. Protection training is a chosen form of self-defense. The dog is trained in obedience and controlled protection skills that specifically mean the dog will protect the handler not property. The dog is taught to remain obedient and neutral except when called upon by the handler. Should the handler become unable to speak the dog will defend upon threatening gestures.

### **General Outlook**

**This training program is designed to determine the handler's ability to control his/her naturally protective dog using the target training exercises during common everyday life and social interaction. As well as the dog's ability to obey the handler and remain neutral in common social exercises. Should a threat arise the dog has the trained skills needed to defend the handler on or off leash.**

Training program is for all naturally protective dogs that can do obedience and social training exercises. There are 4 levels of skill available for buildup advancement with dogs that are healthy and age 6 months or older and are up-to-date vaccinations. To view the trained dog levels and the fitness training profile for protection dogs and handlers see [dogtrainercrystal.com](http://dogtrainercrystal.com).