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Even before they became domesticated, dogs have been utilized by humans to help them when hunting. Scent hounds work by following a scent trail while a sight hound stalk and chase the prey. Retrievers on the other hand locate and bring back shot game to the hunter while setters, spaniels and pointers locate and flush games for the hunter.

Many breeds are naturally hunter and basically need minimal training while some are simply not suited to hunt regardless of how advanced the training they get. The Vizsla is one of the breeds viewed as natural hunter in which the potential can be refined through [Vizsla training](#) right for hunting dogs.

Training a hunting dog necessitates more effort, time and patience than when training the fundamental obedience. However, training for hunting begins the same way as with any other training objectives. Puppies need to be socialized well and should get used not just to the hunting areas but also in other areas like vet clinic, parks and other public spaces particularly when the dog were to be kept as house pet aside from hunting dog.

Considering that the basic obedience is the foundation of all other canine tricks and commands, the potential hunting dog must master the most vital basic commands first prior to the hunting dog training itself. Commands such as sit, come, stay, down and heel should be integrated in the early part of obedience training followed by the combination of a couple of basic commands like "sit stay" and "down stay". Other commands like "drop it", "leave it" and "search" should be tackled also.

[Another part of Vizsla training](#) for hunting dogs is to help your pet recognize a decoy from a real prey. Placing the decoy far from the canine before tossing the prey or dummy will help your canine differentiate the two eventually.

Additionally, it helps to train and practice regularly, daily if possible. Dogs learn by routine so if training and practice are included into your daily regimen, he is more likely to learn effectively. To make training more effective and encourage positive behavior, give him reward each time he exhibit such behavior. In time, he'll figure out that he gets rewards for that certain behavior hence will do it again any chance he gets.

Amidst the training, always remember to keep your dog in good shape. Be mindful enough not to over-train your dog and be sensitive enough when it comes to his health condition. If you notice that he is behaving oddly, consider possible health conditions and seek your vet's suggestions instantly.

All of the effort you exerted during Vizsla training will be worth it when you see your gentle-mannered Vizsla do well in the field come hunting time.

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