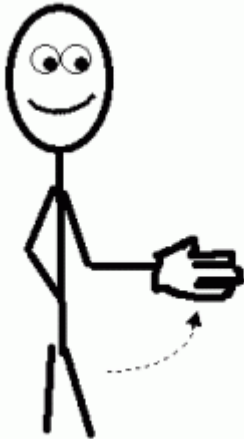


# Dog Obedience Hand Signals

**SIT**



Left hand comes up to your side.  
Palm facing out towards dog

**STAY**



Right hand in front of dog with  
palm facing dog's nose

**WAIT**



Left hand in front of dog with  
palm down

**COME**



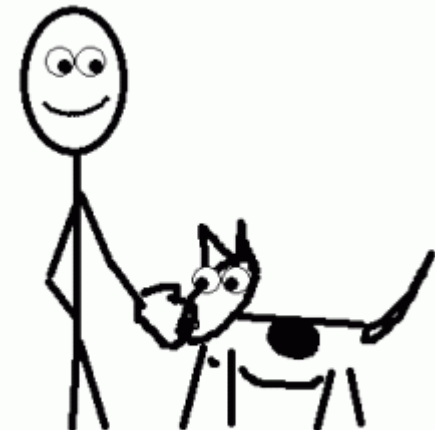
Right hand goes over left  
shoulder. (Throwing salt over  
your left shoulder)

**DROP**



Right hand comes from above  
head down to side.

**STAND**



Left hand in a fist in front of  
dog's nose

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Some more commands that can be used *(from Teresa Cremers)*

Command	Meaning
Achhh	Whatever it is, it's not what I want you to do. This is a criticism of your behavior, see also Wrong, below.
All done	You are done with the obedience exercise that we're working on. This does not mean you are free to goof off or act like an animal.
Am-Am	Come and eat either breakfast or supper.
Around	From the "front" position, go around me to my right and assume heel or line-up position.
Back	Move backwards. This might be part of the glove exercise, in which case it will be a back pivot, it might mean a left turn, or a left about turn, or it might mean I guessed wrong setting you up for a jump. It also might be doggie dancing. You have to figure it out without my help.
Bump	Touch my outstretched left hand. If the stars are properly aligned, you might hear the clicker, which means a treat is forthcoming.
Chow down	You have my permission to eat your meal.
Circle	Come to me and instead of coming to front position, go around me and sit in heel position. You will also see the hand signal for "around".
Come	Drop whatever you are doing and get your buns over to me. Be prepared for another command such as drop or front.
Cuddle	Mash your head and body against my legs and let me pet and snuggle you. (German Shepherds only)
Do you want...	This command usually indicates a treat is on the way. Wag your tail and look appreciative.
Down	Position yourself with your tummy on the ground and rolled over onto your hip. The "Sphinx" position is discouraged.
Drop	Immediately position yourself (regardless of what you are doing) with your stomach on the ground. You may assume a "Sphinx" position. For the signal exercise, the command will be a hand signal that consists of an upward right-arm motion that looks like the "Heil Hitler" gesture.
Easy	Don't pull on the leash
Fetch it	Run out and pick up the glove I'm pointing to and bring it back to me. Return to me in "front" position.
Find mine	Run over to the pile of articles in front of you and pick up the one that I just scented. Return to me in "front" position.
Free dog	You are free to do dog stuff at your will. This command does not give permission to excavate the garden, surf the kitchen counter, nor does it permit self service in the treat cupboard.
Front	Come towards me and sit in front of me. You must be positioned centered with me. For the signal exercise, you will see my right arm go up and swing towards my left shoulder.
Get .....	The command will be something like "Get your tug, or eggplant, or dumbbell." This means you must learn the names of all of your toys and be capable of bringing them to me.
Give	Release the toy, dumbbell, glove, scent article, or whatever in your mouth and let me take it with my hand. Note that as a human I reserve the right to not pick anything up off the ground.
Go to bed	Get into your crate. Note that "your crate" may be your beddy-bye crate at home or any old crate wherever we are.

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Go to your mat	Go over to your mat and assume the down position. If the stars are properly aligned, you might hear the clicker, which means a treat is forthcoming..
Go out	Run away from me and head straight across the obedience ring toward the upright directly in front of us. Expect more instructions as you near the ring gate, if you don't get another instruction, look around for a toy we can play with.
Go pee	Urinate, right now, in front of everybody.
Go poop	Defecate, right now, in front of everybody.
Heel	Walk with me with all your attention, on my left side, with your head just about at my leg.
Here	Head over in my direction. You must be prompt, but not as precise as with come.
Hold it	Clamp on to whatever is in your mouth.
Hugs	Put your feet up on my knees, bury your head between my legs, and let me pet and snuggle you. (Border Collies only)
Hups	Leap gracefully over the jump I'm pointing at and come to me in "front" position. If we are in the obedience ring, this will be the bar jump and we'll be doing directed jumping.
Hurry up	Urinate or defecate, your choice. Do it quickly.
In	Whatever you are out of, get into. For example, get in the car or get in the house.
Jump	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Leap gracefully over the jump I'm pointing at and come to me in "front" position. If we are in the obedience ring, this will be a panel jump and we'll be doing directed jumping. If we're doing agility or just messing around, it will be any jump nearby that I'm pointing at.</li> <li>2. After I've tossed your dumbbell, leap gracefully over the jump in front of you, jump again to bring your dumbbell back, and come to me in "front" position. Make sure you go over the jump in both directions.</li> </ol>
Let's go	You may proceed out through the door, out of your crate, out of the car, or off with me in some direction. Usually, but not always, followed by "with me."
Line up	Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, come to me and get into heel position. Your body must be aligned with mine and your butt can't point in some weird direction.
Okay, toy	You have my permission to pick up your toy and play with it. You will get points and a possible treat if you bring it to me.
Out	Whatever you are into, get out of it. For example, the Garden of Delights (aka refrigerator) or the panty.
Over	From about 15 feet in front of the broad jump, run and jump past me over the broad jump, turn to your right, and come to front position. I will normally be standing on the right side of the broad jump. You may occasionally be asked to go over the broad jump when I'm standing on the left side of it. You will have to figure out that when I'm on the left side of the jump you turn left toward me.
Side	From the "Sphinx" down position, roll onto your hip
Sit	Position yourself with your butt on the ground. For the signal exercise, the command will consist of an upward gesture of my left forearm and hand.
Stairs	Don't pull on the leash going down stairs. It's okay if you are a little ahead of me when we get to the bottom, but you must wait until I catch up with you before going any farther.
Stand	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Position yourself in a comfortable standing position. Be prepared for me to mess around with you, for example, application of flea and tick preventive, or for another human such as a smelly veterinarian or a creepy obedience judge to touch you. The veterinarian may get personal.</li> <li>2. As we are heeling, when I stop, instead of sitting, respond to my signal to stand. Don't sit, stand, and wait as I leave you.</li> </ol>
Stay	From a sit or down, or possibly even stand, don't move an inch until I come back to you.

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Stop	While heeling, I will verbally command as well as signal you to stop while I continue walking. See stand, above. Be prepared for the creepy obedience judge to touch you.
Swing	From the "front" position, go to my left, turn around and assume heel or line-up position.
Table	Go and hop on the grooming table, the scale in the veterinarian's office, or any table I point to.
Take it	Run out and pick up your dumbbell, bring it back, and come to me in "front" position. Ignore any jumps in the vicinity.
Time to quit	You may revert to being a dog.
Time to work	You are on duty, watchful and ready to implement my commands. You are not allowed to act like a dog – no sniffing, chasing hummingbirds, or foraging in the kitchen.
Twist	Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, circle to your left, face me, and sit.
Wait	Stay where you are, whatever position you are in, and I'll get back to you momentarily with more instructions.
Watch	Look adoringly into my eyes. I know that as a canine, you might find this threatening, however, we primates really like it, therefore, you must do it.
Where's the ....	See "get ..." above. About the same, except you may have to search out the item in question.
With me	Trot along with me, but you need not heel.
Wrong	Whatever you are doing, it's not what you are supposed to do. It's okay to be wrong, and the command is meant to be more informative than critical.
Zip-zip	In the obedience ring, after directed jumping, you will turn around with me to get into heel position and be in a straight line with the ring gate across from us.