

HTOMO Basic Dog Commands & Definitions

Practical application of these commands does vary from handler to handler. The important thing to realize is that no matter the command, you are focused on properly communicating with your dog, Dogs don't speak english.... the words are for humans not canines. This guide will give you an understanding of the commands I work with when training your OMO dog. - Seth Allen

“GOOD DOG” - #1 command and one that I consider to be the most important command, it should at least be your most verbally communicated command. Work at getting this at a 2 to 1 ratio with other commands when you get the response you are looking for, especially when working with a new dog or teaching a new command.

“Come by” - out run and gather livestock in a clockwise direction. (If using your stick, the stick is in your left hand- see video)

“Away to me” - out run and gather livestock in a counter clockwise direction. (If using your stick, the stick is in your right hand- see video)

“There” - stop, wait for a change of commands (They do not have to lie down)

“Get back” - stay at the backside (the opposite the handler is on) of livestock between 10 & 2 o'clock, stay balanced on the back side of livestock while gathering

“Lie down” - Lie down & stay until another command is given

“Out / Get out” - One of my favorite commands- move off of livestock when gathering them. This command is used in conjunction with “Come by” and “ Away to me”

“Behind” - Stay behind the handler when walking, riding, driving

“Get A Hold, Get A Bite” - I think this one is self explanatory but it is mostly an encouragement command

“Walk up” - To move straight to the livestock, put pressure on livestock but not be close enough to bite, This should be a slower controlled movement from the dog,

“Place” - Off switch for the dog, To physically get up on a specifically designated place... a barrel, bale, stump, table, pickup bed etc..... and stay there quietly until asked to come off or given another command

“Quick, Quick” - I use this to speed up the dog - spoken quickly.

“That'll Do” - We are done, To have your dog stop working and recall to you directly, no matter the circumstances.