

# MANAGEMENT

## THE REAL MVP

For immediate relief from unwanted behaviors

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### STEP ONE: IDENTIFY THE BEHAVIOR YOU WANT TO STOP NOW



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### STEP TWO: SELECT A TOOL FROM YOUR MANAGEMENT TOOLBOX

The right tool will either:

- Prevent the behavior from happening, or...
- Give the dog a legal outlet so they aren't doing illegal things.

Use tools like:

- Stuffed Kongs
- Edible Chews
- Work-to-Eat Toys
- Baby Gate
- Crate
- Playpen
- Leash
- Harness
- Tether
- Muzzle
- Tug Toy
- Sandbox



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### STEP THREE: IMPLEMENT MANAGEMENT BEFORE THE BEHAVIOR STARTS

**Don't be an enabler!** If you don't manage your dog until after he's done the behavior, you're helping him get better at it each time he gets the chance to practice it.

- Before your dog starts chewing on your stuff, give him dog stuff (bone, stuffed Kong etc.) that tastes better.
- Before your dog jumps up on the visitor, leash him up and keep him at a distance.
- Before you start prepping for dinner, give him a fun food toy of his own.



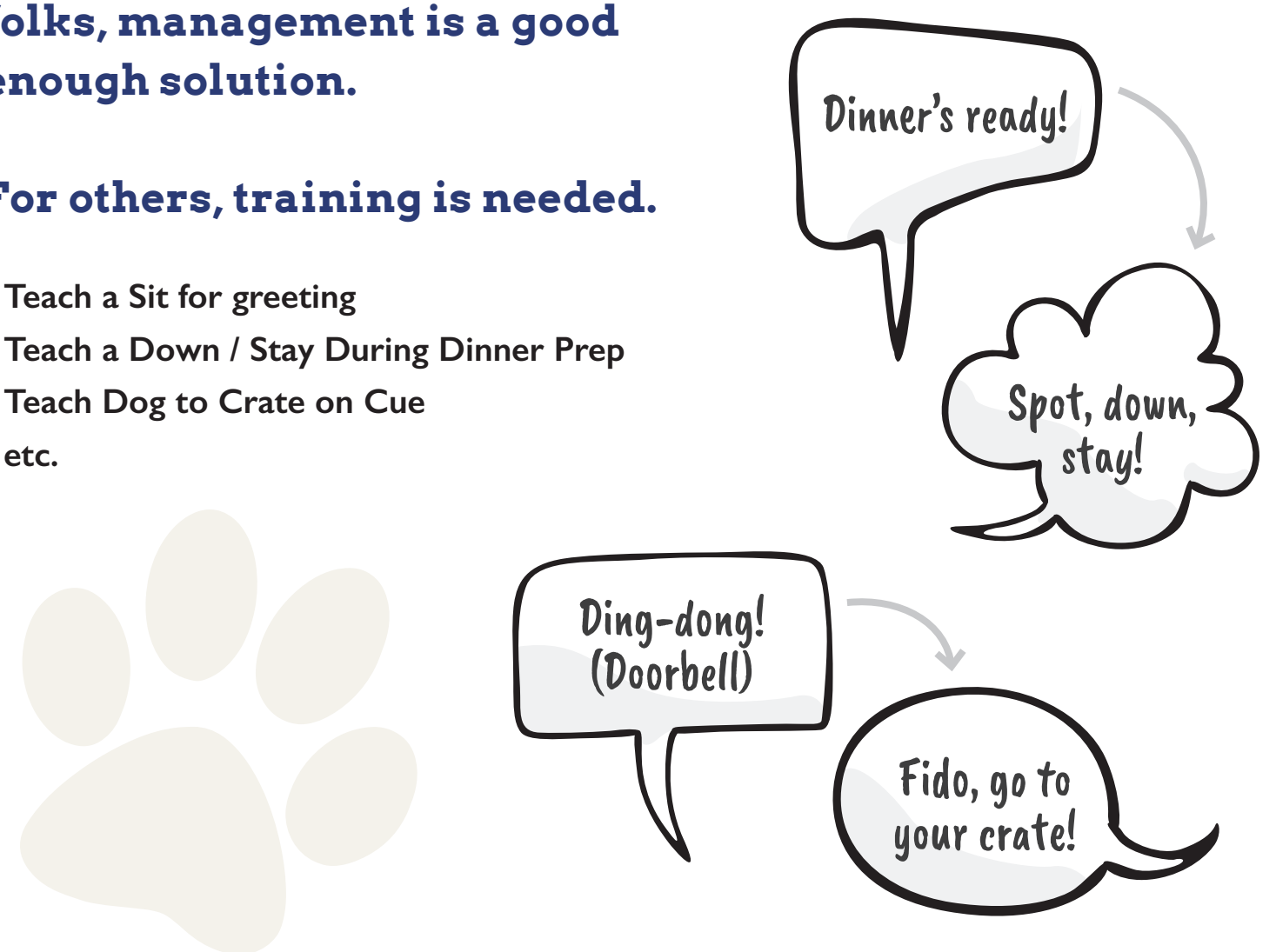
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### STEP FOUR: WHEN APPROPRIATE - TRAIN & FADE (OPTIONAL)

For some behaviors and for some folks, management is a good enough solution.

For others, training is needed.

- Teach a Sit for greeting
- Teach a Down / Stay During Dinner Prep
- Teach Dog to Crate on Cue
- etc.



If you'd like to stop using management, and you'd like to prevent your dog from reverting to old habits, you're gonna have to do some training. Only when training is complete should management fade.