



TRAINING GUIDE

Training your dog to use Otto Step is very easy and may be the easiest training you will ever do. Most dogs take to Otto Step very naturally, they want to go for a ride, they usually will take the easiest way in and up. Once they use Otto Step and find its safe and easy, they will wait for you to insert the step so they can go for a “Ride”. Others may be hesitant and will need some help in getting comfortable with a new device such as Otto Step or a ramp.

Most importantly, dogs respond very well to praise. By showing praise and rewards for correct behavior you will help create a habit that will last forever. Your pet will be a happier pet as well as you will be a happier person, knowing you are doing the right thing, teach, reward and praise.

To start, let your pet see Otto Step before you install it into your hitch receiver. Let them get used to the smell, might have a little Otto in the scent! Then, simply insert Otto Step into your hitch receiver, again, let them smell of the step, you might sit on the step yourself and just let them get comfortable and used to the idea that this is where it may go.

You can then use the step yourself by getting into the vehicle, they will see your entry and may just follow. Again, most dogs are quite smart and will take the easiest route into the vehicle. I have sold many steps to dog owners and watched their dog use Otto Step on first entrance into their vehicles. However; there will be a very small percentage that may see Otto Step as an obstacle to jump over. In this case, you will want to leash your dog, add a treat to the step, praise them for getting onto the step, and let them gradually enter the vehicle. Praise again and again.

Just remember to reward and praise after every positive move into the vehicle. Another suggestion is to add another person on the other side of the step to help discourage your dog jumping around Otto Step. Again, they are very smart animals and will take the easiest route into the vehicle.

This type of coaxing should only happen the first time your pet uses Otto Step, again; they are very smart animals and soon your pet will be waiting for you to insert Otto Step so he/she can enter the vehicle.

Most importantly, please train your pet to use Otto Step coming out of the vehicle. Once they use the step going in, they will naturally use it getting out as well. However; some younger dogs like to jump and may try to jump over the step. Again, add another person on the other side of the step, insert your step before you open the back of your vehicle and Fido will naturally come down using Otto Step.

Remember, a healthy pet is a happy pet and anything we can do to prevent our best friend from injuries caused from jumping down from high places is not only going to give you great satisfaction but you will know you are helping maintain a healthy and safe life for Fido. Praise, Praise and more Praise!

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