

TRAINING CONSIDERATIONS

The vast array of training tools
make many of us look like fools
who genuinely are confused
about the many methods used.

I don't applaud for sleights of hand
manipulating training aids,
attempting to effect command,
but earning only failing grades.

Eschewing such curriculum
you are invited to enroll
in my home-school of dog control
based mostly on the we-word: Come.

The rules I use may work for you,
but then again, perhaps they won't.
The wisest thing that you can do
is find out which ones do and don't.

When training creates rights from wrongs,
and students become all they can,
let credit fall where it belongs.
It is the trainer, not the plan.

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