

It may be time for a break when...

The dog is:

Trying to catch her breath, chest and stomach are heaving.

Panting with a long tongue or the tongue is a dark red color.

Very excited, may have dilated pupils, unable to calm, unable to focus.

Swimming lower in the water, swimming slower.

Repeatedly attempting to go to shore or to get out of the water

Inattentive, not interested in the task at hand.

Repeatedly yawning.

Repeatedly sniffing the environment, walks off to sniff.

Repeatedly lapping the water.

Repeatedly shaking her head -- possible ear infection.

Gagging, choking, coughing -- possible water or matter in the airway or lungs, which can lead to an infection.

Repeating "mistakes".

Finding ways to swim or run off and will not or is slow to respond to the handler's call to return.

Turning away from the handler. Deliberately looks away or moves away from handler, turns back to handler.

Displaying behavior normally associated with worry, stress or fear. Suddenly refuses food or toys.

Hesitating or refusing to try or to repeat a behavior.

Refusing to hold an object, refusing to swim with an article, keeps releasing the article.

Refusing to enter the water.

Carrying tail down and appears unable to raise the tail up. repeatedly sniffs or licks around the tail, also known as "Swimmer's tail."

Showing any sign of injury, tenderness, lameness, tenderness, avoids being touched.

Is not having fun.

The handler is:

Confused about the training goal, objective, what is next?

Loosing patience, getting louder as if the dog is hard of hearing.

Repeatedly telling the dog "No."

Feeling pressured or anxious.

Thinking people or dogs are intentionally annoying.

Thinking the dog is just blowing-you-off and needs a firm hand to recover cooperation.

Repeatedly using hands or the dog's lead to inhibit, compel or force the dog's cooperation.

Out of treats and exhausted all non-food reinforcement.

Unable to see any success or progress in the training session.

Is not having fun.