**Obedience - Funnies**

**My wife and I enrolled Molly, our lovable but dumb cocker spaniel, in a ten-week obedience class. At the end of the term Molly had made little progress. We re-enrolled her, but at the end of the second course Molly was still noticeably behind her canine classmates. The instructor, perhaps determined to succeed with our dog, offered to let her repeat the course for the third time at no charge. That evening I heard my wife on the phone with her mother. “Guess what?” Marcie said. “Molly was the only dog in her class to get a scholarship!” *(Al Lucci, in Reader's Digest)***

**FIRST AMONG HIS PEERS: Discipline in the large family was becoming progressively worse, so the harried mother gathered her brood together and presented a plan. "I'm going to keep a record of the behavior of each of you," she announced. "On Saturday, the member of the family who has been most obedient will get a reward." "That's not fair!" exclaimed one of the youngsters. "Daddy will win it every time!" (*F. G. Kernan, in Catholic Digest)***

**Could we reschedule our tennis match?" my friend asked. "I have to take my dogs to obedience school in the morning." "Obedience school?" I answered. "What if they don't want to go?" *(Raul Jose, in Reader's Digest)***

**Bad week for: Just following orders, after a Washington state woman drove her SUV down a boat ramp and into a lake because her GPS told her to. The woman and two passengers were able to swim to shore. *(The Week magazine, July 1-8, 2011)***

**A young man just out of the army was interviewed for a job. “What did you do in the service?” the interviewer asked him. The young man replied, “As told.” *(Phil Barnhart, in Seasonings for Sermons, p. 122)***

**A highly publicized murder trial was about to begin. During the jury selection, each side hotly contested and dismissed potential jurors. One prospective juror, Dan, was called into a room for questioning. “Property holder?” he was asked. Dan replied, “Yes, I am, Your Honor.” “Married or single?” “Married for 20 years, Your Honor.” “Formed or expressed an opinion?” “Not in 20 years, Your Honor.” *(The American Legion magazine)***

**Iraq. This pleased Dad immensely. “A Marine? Good!” he said. “That means he can take orders.” *(Melissa Esmilla, in Reader’s Digest)***

**I asked my son if he understood the meaning of the word obey. He said, “Yeah, it’s a place to go shopping on the Internet.” *(Jay Trachman, in One to One)***

**For an insurance application, a chap giving information on his military background came to the question: "What did you do while in service?" "AS TOLD!" he wrote in large letters. *(Lorene Workman, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**A father of five came home with a toy, summoned his children and asked which one of them should be given the present. “Who is the most obedient, never talks back to Mother and does everything he or she is told?” he inquired. There was silence, and then a chorus of voices: “You play with it, Daddy!” *(Helen Daley, in Globe)***

**Bad week for: Just following orders, after an 80-year-old German motorist drove through a motorway barrier, a construction site, and into a pile of sand because his Mercedes’ onboard navigation system told him to*. (The Week magazine, October 20, 2006)***

**Too bad some marriage ceremonies now omit the word “obey.” It was the only thing that lent a little humor to the occasion. *(Quoted by Earl Wilson, in Reader’s Digest)***

**If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun. *(Katharine Hepburn)***

**Wife: “I’m going to try something new with the dog and kids this summer.” Husband: “What’s that?” Wife: “I’m sending the dog to camp and the kids to obedience school.” *(Nancy Taylor, in Reminisce magazine)***

**Our three-year-old daughter, Bethany, was with my mother in her garden one summer day. After Bethany picked several unripened strawberries, Mom told her not to pick any more. Confident that Bethany understood and would obey, Mom went back to gardening. Later she checked her strawberry plants and noticed that all the remaining pink berries on the plants had been bitten nearly in half. *(Joanie Whetstone)***

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