

GUIDANCE NEEDED

To teach good manners, if I can,
I started with a lesson plan,
attached the collar he will use,
picked up the lead to send him clues.

I signal when to stop and go,
though he is quick to let me know
when he prefers to stand his ground,
or lead us as we walk around.

I indicate when he should sit,
and sometimes, when he feels like it,
he sits so straight it pleases me.
I'm just not sure when that will be.

He seldom listens when I call,
but lately I have found a cure:
I make his supper, then call "COME!"
He doesn't hesitate at all.
So now at least of this I'm sure--
that one of us is not so dumb.

by Lee Netzler