

FOUR FOOTERS BOARDING & TRAINING



POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

HOW TO BUILD TRUST AND TEAMWORK TO INCREASE YOUR BOND

For the up most effective training, a positive relationship needs to be built between you and your dog.

- * Non-compliance- no cookie/reward, handler should turn and leave training area for 10 seconds.
 - * Watch for and reward all appropriate behavior.
 - any and all eye contact
 - all motion towards you, but make sure you ask them to do something like a sit.
 - fetching toys (always trade for a treat)
 - staying close to owner when off property (use a long lead)
 - looking at handler when name is called
 - finding you during hide and seek
 - remaining calm while riding in car (use of seatbelt, crate, ect.)
 - civilized manners in the home

 - * The more you reward the good behaviors, the more intensely and frequently your dog will offer these behaviors. On the flip side, the more you ignore the bad behaviors, the likely hood of the dog offering them will decrease.

 - * Reinforces
 - FOOD- (cheese, hot dogs, variety of small dog treats.
 - GAMES- playfully push dog away and run off. ("Come" can be used when playing this game).
 - pounce to invite play
 - blow in dogs face and run away
 - blowing bubbles
- Games should be fun, used with excitement and on approval.
- TOUCH- full body petting, petting around the face and under neck.
 - TOYS- fetch and chase games using favorite toys.
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- * Remember, when you give reinforcement, you are reinforcing the LAST behavior offered by your dog.
 - * The handler should always be positive, fun and the keeper of those yummy treats and favorite toys.
 - * Never scare the dog. Keep stress to a minimum and do not struggle with the dog. You don't want to sacrifice the trust and bond you trying to build with your dog.
 - * Keep training sessions short, fun and positive. Lots if food and love will go a long way!