



Relationship Based Dog Training with Lisa Antonucci

Why Should I Train My Dog?

We've all heard the old adage "Train, don't complain". When that cute bundle of joy arrives, there are the best of intentions, and a rush to "train the dog", before he gets too old to train. Better to remember "training never ends..."

Without proper guidance and training, many dogs can be rambunctious and generally exhausting to live with. It is up to you to guide your dog to suit your lifestyle and that of your family. Training is not something that you "finish". It's a continual process taking place during the lifetime of your dog.

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Positive Reinforcement

Positive reinforcement is anything that your dog values and will work to earn. A dog might value food, as it is necessary for their survival or may also value other things such as praise, toys, and attention.

To positively reinforce a behavior you like, you simply give your dog something s/he values immediately after s/he has performed the behavior. By positively reinforcing the behavior you are increasing the likelihood of the behavior occurring again.

What is Clicker Training?

Research has shown that any creature—whether a dog, cat, dolphin, parrot, or person—is more likely to learn and repeat actions that result in consequences it desires and enjoys. So clicker trainers provide consequences desired by their animal in exchange for actions or behaviors desired by their trainers.

We call these consequences "rewards" and the process is called "reinforcement." Clicker training, therefore, is a positive-reinforcement-based system of training.

A "reward" increases the chances of that behavior being repeated voluntarily. Once a desired behavior is understood it can be developed and refined into an ingrained habit. An ingrained habit is performed on request - automatically, always and anywhere.

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