

# WELCOME TO DOGGIELICIOUS TRAINING & EVENT CENTRE

Below are a few tips and tricks from our trainers to make the most out of your dog training class and working with your dog going forward.

#### **REWARD YOUR DOG**

Use all their daily food as a great chance to practice behaviours multiple times a day! Reward for good behaviour! Reward when they are calm! Find situations in your daily life to add in a bit of training (ie eating dinner-practice mat work. Watching tv-puppy sits/downs.)

### ASK ONCE, WAIT

One of the best pieces of advice... your dog doesn't speak English! So repeating to your dog (ie sit. sit. sit. sit.) just becomes white noise to your dog, and they ignore you more. Ask once and wait for the behaviour, then mark and reward! Try a fun noise to bring their attention back to you if need be.

#### MARKING THE BEHAVIOUR

Dogs need clear, consistent 'markers' to understand what behaviour you want them to demonstrate, and they also require predictable rewards. Food is generally the best training reward.

When your dog gives you the behaviour you have asked for **quickly** say your marker word (ie "yes!", "nice!") and follow with a treat.

#### PRACTICE PRACTICE PRACTICE

There is no magical switch to make your dogs behaviour better it all comes down to practice. The more you practice the better trained your dog will become.

## SET YOUR DOG UP FOR SUCCESS

The more times you practice in a safe environment with low distraction the more you build a base for them to be successful in different situations. If your dog is not successful at a new level they may need more practice in the previous level.

#### **BE POSITIVE**

Positive reinforcement training uses a reward (treats, praise, toys, anything the dog finds rewarding) for desired behaviors.

Because the reward makes them more likely to repeat the behaviour, positive reinforcement is one of your most powerful tools for shaping or changing your dog's behavior.





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