

USING FOOD FOR TRAINING

Top
Tips!



WHY USE FOOD ANYWAY ?

- All dogs have to eat!
- Most dogs will work for their food!
- Easy to carry around!

HOW TO GET STARTED...

- Firstly, find out what your dog likes
- Remember, just because you think your dog should like something, doesn't mean he will!
- Try to find a number of different foods that can be delivered in small pieces and see if you can work out what your dog prefers to work for the most!

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FAVOURITE IDEAS



- 1) Chopped, cooked meat of any variety i.e chicken or liver
- 2) Some processed meat such as hot dog sausages or ham
- 3) Cheese chopped into small pieces
- 4) A variety of dog kibble (or your dog's own daily dry food!)
- 5) Shop bought dog treats for example Wagg or Feelwells
- 6) Home made treats such as sweet potato pieces
- 7) Vegetables i.e pieces of carrot or apple
- 8) Dried pieces of fish (the smellier the treat the better!)

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

MIX IT UP !

- Have a variety in your bag to keep your dog guessing!
- Remember, an 'OK' treat is for an 'OK' response
- 'Good' treats = 'Good' responses
- However 'Excellent' treats encourage 'Excellent' responses!
- Harder tasks require higher value pay!

THE PERFECT TRAINING TREAT...

- Small – 1cm cube or less
- Soft and smelly! (Especially for out and about training!)
- Non-crumby and doesn't take too long to chew
- Easily seen incase you have to scatter or throw it

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WAGES BRIBES AND PAYING YOUR DOG



WHATS THE DIFFERENCE ?

- BRIBE = Dog responds because the food is displayed
- WAGES = Dog responds TO MAKE the food happen!
- Wages happen after good behaviour is performed!

HOW TO PAY YOUR DOG AND LESSEN THE BRIBES

- Keep your treats hidden (pocket, treat bag, tupperware)
- ONLY produce the treat AFTER a good behaviour response!
- Be unpredictable: vary where the treats come from
- Give your dog 'jackpot' rewards for excellent behaviour by going to where the treats are hidden and celebrating with your dog!

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