

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR DOG MISBEHAVES

THE GOAL: To change unwanted behaviours into positive experiences.

TIP: Reward desirable behaviours!

Please keep in mind that your dog has no idea of

“RIGHT” VS “WRONG”

until you teach them. Many behaviour problems arise due to inappropriate rewarding of unwanted behaviour.

Instead of punishing him for doing things he doesn't know are wrong (and potentially causing fear responses), use these tools to create good habits.

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PREVENTION

Make it physically impossible for your dog to do unwanted behaviour. This is important to ensure your dog doesn't get "rewarded" for bad behaviour. e.g. If you are emptying the bin and do not want the dog jumping up whilst you do this, put him on a lead, behind a baby gate or shut him in another room until you have completed your task. If your dog is attention jumping up, remove him or yourself from the environment until he is calmer.

TRAIN A BETTER BEHAVIOUR

Teach dog to do preferred behaviours, and reward until it becomes a good habit. e.g. Sit (instead of jumping up) for greeting, lay on dog bed instead of begging at table.

INTERRUPT AND REDIRECT

If a dog has already started misbehaviour, get their attention (using name, clap, kissy noise, or lure with food), and ask for another behaviour. e.g. Dog is barking at window, say name and "Come", reward for coming to you. Then go back to step 1 and do prevention of this behaviour around the window so the dog is less able to make the undesirable choice again.

TIP: Reward desirable behaviours!

Reward your dog for good behaviour when you notice it: e.g. your dog puts slack in the leash on a walk. Reward it! Your dog is excited to meet a new person, but keeps all four feet on the ground. Great choice! Reward it! Walking past a child on the sidewalk, your dog doesn't pull out to them. Reward it! Etc.

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I WOULD LIKE MY DOG TO STOP ...	I WILL TRY THESE STEPS TO CHANGE MY DOG'S BEHAVIOUR			
Behaviour	Prevention	Train Better Behaviour	Interrupt & Redirect	Reward Offered for Good Behaviour
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