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Dog School and Doggie Gym!

## Clicker Instructions

1. **The click signals to your dog that "YES!" that is the behavior you want.** Think of the click as marker signal that let's your dog know the behavior that you want. If you cue your dog to sit, you will want to click the moment you see your dog's hind end hit the ground. Then you follow the click with a reinforcement, a reward your dog likes. Clicker training is the closets thing to talking with your dog, and it is a fun training method for both dog and trainer. Click your dog when he does what you ask.
2. **Click your dog for doing what you want.** Anything that you like your dog doing, is a great thing to click and reinforce.
3. **Click and Reinforce.** After clicking you can give your dog a treat, moist treats are ideal, or you can play a game, or you can praise your dog. anything that your dog enjoys can be used as a reinforcer. Vary your reinforcements to keep things fun and interesting.
4. **Do NOT click next to your dog's ear.** The click can be very loud and may cause your dog to dislike the clicker. If your dog is noise-sensitive and reacts to the clicker, simply tape several layers of first aid tape across the dimple on the metal part of the clicker. This will dampen the click. Then as your dog becomes less reactive you can pull off one layer of tape at a time.
5. **Make sure the reinforcers you use are something the dog really likes.** Do not use boring treats. Use treats that make your dog's eyes pop out of his head! Play different games, experiment and find what your dog really likes.
6. **Keep training sessions short and fun.** Quit the session while the dog still wants more. Leave him hanging and he will work harder in the next session.
7. **If your dog does something really great, click and jackpot and end session.** A jackpot is when you give the dog a bunch of treats (6-10) at one time. Give the dog the jackpot all at once. Do not hand him one tiny treat at the time. The idea here is for your dog to feel like he won the lottery!

May the power of the click always be with you! Happy training!