

# TIPS FOR TRAINING

## Stopping those annoying behaviors

Tired of struggling to resolve your dog's annoying behaviors? Don't despair, there are always good solutions to any behavior problem. Dog training isn't easy so don't feel bad if you still have some unresolved issues. There is much to know when it comes to dog behavior and with the abundance of false and misguided information, opportunity for mistakes are common. When you need a specialized service such as dog training sometimes the best solution is to hire an experienced trainer.

### What you need to know:

Although at times it may appear as though your dog purposely tries to annoy you, the truth is dogs have no concept of right or wrong. There are two things dogs care about most, safe and unsafe, and what works and what doesn't. Annoying or not dogs care about behaviors that produce positive results, results that gain something desired.

When dogs repeat behaviors that are annoying it tells one thing, it must be working for the dog. If a particular behavior isn't working it will fade away. It wasn't working that is repeated is behavior that is working for the dog. It's producing desirable results. If there isn't success it won't be repeated. Attaining desirable behavior has much to do with understanding how to supply consequences. Supplying consequences is the power of your training. For any behavior you want repeated you must make sure your dog is winning and winning every time. It's supplying consequences of success. In other words, you are making behavior stronger because of what it means.

For behavior that needs to be eliminated you will make sure your dog is losing, nothing gained. If there is a behavior you would like your dog to do more often just make sure that he is successful at it. Supplying good consequences for a behavior is a good example of success, success is all about the dog winning.

For learned behavior that needs to be eliminated, first determine how the dog is being successful, meaning what is he gaining from the behavior and then begin to see to it that he fails every time he tries. If a particular behavior is not successful anymore that behavior will eventually disappear.



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