

Happy Dawgs Training Tip

Build a greater bond with your dog

Did you know that if you use your happy praising voice, while petting your dog, just the way they like it, while adding a nice big smile, followed up by giving your dog some food, that you will build a greater bond with your dog and a better association with all these forms of reward. Eventually, allowing you to train treat free. It is also a great building block for the perfect recall: (more next newsletter)

Try this exercise daily for your dogs' meal.

- With your dog on leash
- Sit in a chair
- Dog's food is up on a table near you
 - Begin to talk sweetly to your dog so that you get their attention and you see your dog's tail wag
- Now start petting your dog, in a place your dog likes, your dog's tail should still wag
- Add a big smile for your dog
- Now as your dog's tail continues to wag, give your dog some of their meal.
- Pause 3 seconds, stop talking, petting and smiling, basically ignoring your dog the entire 3 seconds. Then Repeat.

Do this 10-20 times utilizing your dog's whole meal.

Your dog will begin to make an incredible association with you and all 3 of these different types of rewards. By giving your dog their food after sweet talking, petting and smiling you will have paired these 3 secondary rewards with a primary reward, food. Your dog will make an association that when you do any of those 3 things you are very happy with them and your dog will want to please YOU not just do something for food.