

# The Do's & Don't's of Dog Training

## DO'S



**DO** use rewards like treats to train your dog so your dog will enjoy training.



**DO** use comfortable, dog friendly equipment so that your dog feels relaxed and happy.



**DO** have your dog work for valued resources like meals, walks and toys so your dog looks to you for guidance.



**DO** build a cooperative relationship based on mutual respect, communication and trust so both you and your dog enjoy being with one another.

## DON'T'S



**DON'T** use force or punishment when working with your dog or your dog will not think training is fun and be afraid of you.



**DON'T** use aversive equipment like choke collars, prong collars or shock collars or training will be painful and scary for your dog.



**DON'T** use confrontational methods that may frighten your dog, or worse, cause your dog to react aggressively.



**DON'T** use methods or equipment that are uncomfortable, painful, forceful, scary or intimidating to your dog. Positive Reinforcement training is so much more fun for both the dog and owner.