YOUR CHOICE AFFECTS YOUR DOG’S CHOICE

- A case of GROWLING to guard a toy -

YOUR CHOICES

Do nothing

Understand your dog’s feelings, Play for a WIN-WIN outcome

Punish the behavior Take away the toy

STEP 1. Follow this procedure:
1. Show a treat and say, “Give me your ball!”
2. Wait for him to voluntarily open his mouth to let go of the toy.
3. Say, “Good Boy!” and throw a treat away from the ball.

YOUR DOG THINKS:
When I give up my ball, good things happen! My person doesn’t mean to rob me of my ball.

YOUR DOG THINKS:
I made the discomfort disappear!

YOUR DOG THINKS:
I told my person I was uncomfortable. He did not acknowledge my feelings.

YOUR DOG LEARNS:
I should growl when I feel uncomfortable.

YOUR DOG LEARNS:
I have nothing to lose when giving up my ball to my person. Good things happen.

YOUR DOG WILL GROWL WHENEVER HE DOESN’T WANT TO DO ANYTHING.

YOUR DOG WILL CHOOSE WORSE BEHAVIOR.

YOUR DOG WILL READILY GIVE YOU HIS TOY.

IT’S MINE!!

SURE!

Your dog can make better choices if YOU make better choices!