

# Training Tips

Training your puppy should be a fun and rewarding experience. Naturally, there will be some challenging times as you both learn how to communicate with each other. Develop a love of learning by being consistent and training with love and patience.



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Puppies learn by association, repetition and reward. Positive reinforcement is known to be the best method for training behaviours while maintaining a strong life-long relationship with your dog.

## Puppy Training Tips

- 🐾 Keep training sessions short and fun.
- 🐾 Try out different rewards such as treats, dry food, toys, games or love and attention.
- 🐾 Use reward lures and praise.
- 🐾 Never force or physically push your puppy into a desired position, such as a 'sit'.

- 🐾 Puppies can become distracted easily.
- 🐾 Learn new behaviours in a calm and comfortable area.
- 🐾 Have realistic expectations of your puppy.
- 🐾 If you become frustrated or your puppy is not interested in training, play a game and try again later.
- 🐾 Teach your puppy both a verbal cue and hand signal for each behaviour.
- 🐾 Always end on a positive note.



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