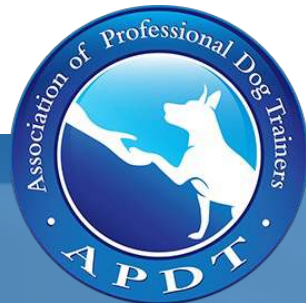


The ABC's of Training a Dog



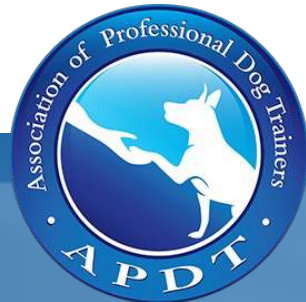
Every Day Counts

- 🦴 Every moment that you spend with your dog is an opportunity to teach him something (good or bad).



A Great Dog in Just Minutes a Day!

- 🦷 Training shouldn't take hours a day. Two five-minute sessions or five two-minute sessions a day is ideal for teaching most behaviors.



What is a Reward?

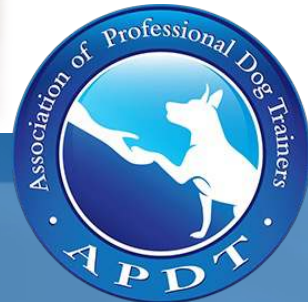
🦷 Rewards are just like a paycheck. They let your dog know that he's doing something right. They fall into 3 categories:

- 🎈 Treats
- 🎈 Toys
- 🎈 Life Rewards



Treats

- 🍌 Soft and chewy treats often work best and can be kept small to avoid overeating.



Toys

🦴 Keep that favorite toy up and away. Save it for training opportunities!



Life Rewards

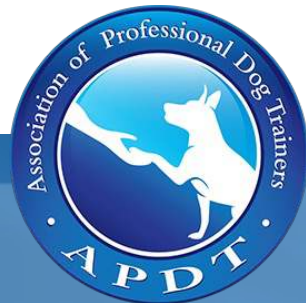
- 🦴 Going for a walk, playing with his Fido friends, belly rubs, car rides, swimming ... if your dog enjoys it, you can use it as a reward.



These are a Few of My Favorite Things

🦷 Make a list of 10 - 20 things that your dog enjoys in each of these categories.

- 🌟 Treats
- 🌟 Toys
- 🌟 Life Rewards



Be Quick and Be Generous!

- 🦷 When you are teaching your dog a new behavior, be quick and be generous when rewarding him. Give
- 🦷 lots and lots of praise!!!
- 🦷 If you don't feel a tad silly at first, it probably isn't enough!



Listen to Your Dog!

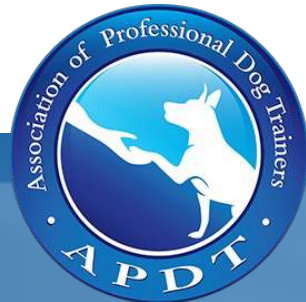
- 🦷 If your dog appears uncomfortable or confused while training, stop. Forcing the issue can often result in bigger problems down the line.



Management!

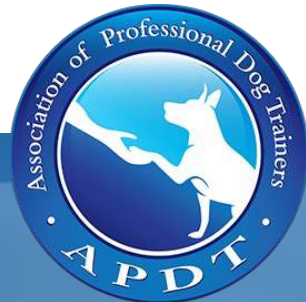


- 🦷 Prevent your dog from getting into trouble. Use a dog crate, put the garbage under the sink, make sure the kids put their toys away, keep your dog on leash when saying hello to new people.



Be Consistent!

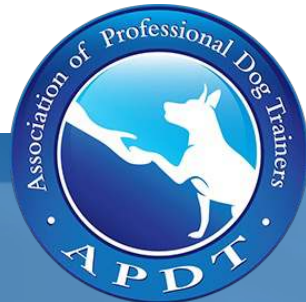
- 🦷 Make sure everyone in your home is on the same page. If he isn't allowed on the couch, then no one should let him up there! Consistency will be the key to your success.



No, What?



🦷 The word “no” doesn’t give enough information. Tell your dog what you want him to do. Example: Jumping shouldn’t equal “no!” Jumping should equal “sit.” Don’t leave it up to your dog to figure it out by trial and error. Tell him what you want in order to avoid confusion.



A Trained Dog is a Happy Dog!

- 🦷 Taking the time to train your dog will enhance your relationship with your dog and help ensure you both have a long and happy life together.

