



Family Forever Animal Foundation

Positive Reinforcement Training

Positive reinforcement training is a method of using a motivator – like food, toys or affection – to train animal behavior. We support this method of dog training, as it remains a positive experience for both the dog and the trainer.

The premise of this training is to associate the reward with the desired behavior. You can teach your dog basic commands and more complex behaviors using this reward system. If your dog is not behaving well, there is no need to dominate or use negative methods. Ignoring bad behavior or withholding rewards until the good behavior is displayed is a great way to encourage your dog to behave appropriately.

Some trainers use clicker training as a tool to help capture good dog behaviors. If you get the dog to associate the sound of a clicker with a treat, then the dog knows the clicker means “good job!” You can use the clicker to positively reinforce what the dog is doing or to teach more complicated tricks and behaviors.

Positive reinforcement training can be used with any type of animal, including cats, rodents, birds, reptiles etc. Finding a reward to which the animal will respond is the key!

For recommended trainers in Central Florida, visit:

www.facebook.com/forcefreeflorida

Animal Behavior Training Solutions

<http://www.animaltrainingsolutions.com/>

To read more about these training methods, we recommend:

Karen Pryor Clicker Training

<http://www.clickertraining.com/>

Books by Karen Pryor:

<http://www.amazon.com/Karen-Pryor/e/B000APTQLE>

Victoria Stillwell Positively

<http://positively.com/>

American Veterinary Behavior Society Position Statement

http://avsabonline.org/uploads/position_statements/Combined_Punishment_Statements.pdf