

Lesson Plan: "the least intrusive method"

The least intrusive method of training a dog : Positive Reinforcement Fear Free Environment.

Structured learning theory

Acquisition stage 1st stage of learning, initial stage where the behavior you are teaching is acquired through shaping and reinforcing the behavior

Food Lure: Teaches the dog to follow a lure, which allows you to guide the dog into almost any behavior without force. It teaches and or reinforces the meaning of "conditioned reinforcer" by opening up communication to the dog when he does the correct behavior. Here we define Positive Behaviors; sit, down and focus. Through these three behaviors, we develop Known behaviors. Which enables you to redirect a dog from inappropriate behavior and reward when the correct behavior is offered.

Conditioned Reinforcer: Is a verbal or auditory bridge between correct behavior you are teaching and the unconditioned reinforcer. It enables you to mark desired behavior, reward and encourage the dog to repeat behavior.

Automation stage 2nd stage of learning where the dog learns automatically to offer a specific behavior when given a particular cue without being prompted or lured.

Pattern training: is where you train the dog to do a series of known behaviors by offering on cue. By creating specific patterns of behavior on cue we enable the dog to think ahead, increasing the learning curve in automation.

Generalization stage

Maintenance stage

Structured Method of learning

Classical Conditioning: understanding of simple associations

Operant Conditioning: forms associations between a behavior and a consequence

Structured Teaching practice

Positive Reinforcement: involves giving a reward or reinforcing a desired behavior at the moment the dog performs that behavior to increase the likelihood that the dog will perform it again.

Negative Punishment: involves removing something the dog desires the moment the dog performs and undesirable behavior.

Fear Free Environment: by not placing the dog in any fearful behavior, aggression will not be displayed.

