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2015 Wagging School **Dog Training and Behaviour Skills Program**

Topic 6

Alternatives to punishment, reprimand or correction

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INTENSIVE

SUN 4TH OCT

10am – 5pm \$80 casual

If you are new to **positive reinforcement**, it is hard to let go of the idea that you have to use some form of correction in training. Reward-based training methods in fact have a long and varied repertoire of tools for dealing with unwanted behaviour without use of "correction" or aversives. Learn how to apply behavior modification to common pet dog training problems... and no, "just ignore it" doesn't cut it.

SEMINAR

MON 19TH OCT

7pm – 9pm \$35 casual

Understand the "fallout" and unwanted side effects from punishment, reprimand and correction.

WORKSHOP

SAT 24TH OCT

2pm – 5pm \$45 casual

Troubleshoot some common training problems using methods other than compulsion, reprimand, "correction" i.e. punishment.



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INTENSIVE

People who are used to the correction and praise method of training can usually see that it makes sense to reward desirable behavior. But what about undesirable behaviour?

If you are new to **positive reinforcement**, it is hard to let go of the idea that you have to use some form of correction in training. Reward-based training methods in fact have a long and varied repertoire of tools for dealing with unwanted behaviour without use of "correction" or aversives.

The opposite of **reward** is not punishment, reprimand or correction – it is no reward. Give your dog clear alternatives – desirable behaviour brings a reward, undesirable behaviour brings no reward.

Instead of a simple formula of "praise or reward the good, correct or reprimand the bad", there are many ways to use rewards. Success in positive training depends on how you use rewards.

Behaviour modification, the systematic way of changing behaviour, provides an extensive repertoire ways of eliminating unwanted behaviour without the use of **aversives**.

WORKSHOP

TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON PROBLEMS

Troubleshoot some common training problems using motivational methods - methods which do not require compulsion, aversives, reprimand, "correction" i.e. punishment.

- Motivate your dog to want to offer desirable behaviour.
- Learn how to avoid putting your dogs in conflict between "being obedient" and getting what they want.
- Compare and contrast conflict/confrontational techniques with motivational ones e.g. motivational "Off" compared with traditional "Leave it".



Well, you can't reward that, can you!

SEMINAR

Understand the "fallout" and unwanted side effects from punishment, reprimand and correction. This Seminar will give worked examples.

Punishment (or more technically, "positive punishment") as a term used in operant conditioning has a specific meaning, which should be distinguished from the **general (everyday language) meaning of punishment**.

Despite the fact that in some circumstances, punishment can be effective in suppressing learned behaviour, it has many disadvantages and unwanted effects.