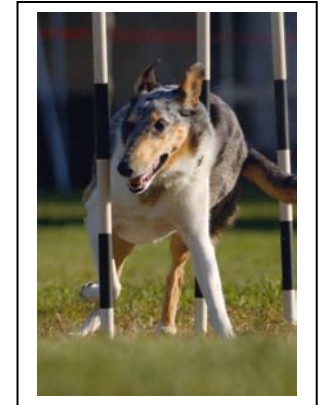


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Dog Agility Pre-School –Basic concepts Operant conditioning

| TERM | DEFINITION |
|---------------|---|
| Reinforcement | Anything that <i>strengthens</i> a behavior |
| Punishment | Anything that <i>suppresses</i> a behavior |
| Positive | Something <i>added</i> to influence a behavior |
| Negative | Something <i>taken away</i> to influence a behavior |

| TRAINING APPLICATION | WHAT HAPPENS | To do this: |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Positive Reinforcement R+ | Something is <i>added</i> that <i>strengthens</i> a behavior | the something is <i>good</i> or desired by the subject |
| Negative Reinforcement R- | Something is <i>taken away</i> that <i>strengthens</i> a behavior | the something is <i>bad</i> or aversive to the subject |
| Positive Punishment P+ | Something is <i>added</i> that <i>suppresses</i> a behavior | the something is <i>bad</i> or aversive to the subject |
| Negative Punishment P- | Something is <i>taken away</i> that <i>suppresses</i> a behavior | the something is <i>good</i> or desired by the subject |
| Extinction E | A behavior goes away because it is not reinforced | <i>nothing</i> happens to the subject, good or bad |

Summary of dog training realms:

| TERM | DEFINITION |
|-------------------------------|---|
| "Traditional" training | Works primarily in the R-, P+ realm |
| Positive traditional training | Mixes rewards and lures with R-, P+ |
| So-called "clicker" training | Works primarily in the R+, P-, E realm |
| Crossover trainer | PTT or a traditional trainer who switched to clicker training |