

Paws in Progress

Dog Training & Canine Massage Therapy



Brush Up On Your Training

Training is a good way for you to build up a good relationship with your dog. It helps teach your dog manners and helps to avoid problem behaviours. Here Elsa is learning to wait before she takes food. Brush up on your dog's recall or loose lead walking or perhaps work on your dog not jumping up.



Feed Your Dog Using Food Toys

Make your dog work a bit harder for his food by feeding him from puzzle toys.

There are a wide range of puzzle toys available, you can give your dog different toys on different days so that your dog does not get bored. include Kong toys, snuffle mats and licki mats.

Not only do these toys make mealtimes more fun for your dog they develop your dog's problem solving abilities.



Teach Your Dog A New Trick

Tricks are fun to teach your dog. They help your dog learn new skills. Tricks can be simple or more complicated such as teaching your dog to put his toys away or play basketball. Below Milo is playing basketball while Freddie is trying out the skateboard.



Teach Your Dog Parkours

Parkours is a new dog sport that uses every day objects as obstacles. Dogs are taught to put their paws on, climb in, go around different obstacles. The limit is your imagination. Just check obstacles are safe for your dog, with no sharp edges before you use them.

Avoid a lot of repetitive moves and make sure that obstacles are right for your dog, so not too high for example. You can find out more [here](#)



Teach Your Dog To Be a Sniffer Dog

Most dogs like to use their nose. Start by hiding a trail of food for your dog to follow. Make it easy at first and let your dog see where you are putting the food. As he starts to get the idea make the game harder and hide food under boxes or plant pots. When your dog becomes really good you can hide treats all around the house or garden.



Make a boredom box

Be warned this one can make a bit of a mess. It is an excellent way of your dog relieving his frustration, and is very good for dogs that like to destroy things.

This is essentially a cardboard box stuffed with newspaper and small treat (or your dog's food).

In the one I made below I started with an egg box with treats in, then wrapped it in layers of newspaper. I used different types and sizes of treats to add variety.

