### How to choose a

## **Dog Trainer**



You want the best for your dog. Reward-based training methods are shown to be more effective and better for your dog.

### Choose dog trainers who:

- train with rewards like treats, food and play
- use humane, science-based methods
- make training fun for your dog
- let you watch or participate
- explain dog behaviour and body language
- work with veterinarians to help you care for your dog
- act professionally, and treat you and your dog with respect

### Avoid dog trainers who:

- use punishment like shouting, pushing, hitting or leash corrections
- use shock, prong or choke collars
- refuse to let you watch or participate
- refuse to use treats or food rewards
- talk about "dominance" or "alphas"
- give medical advice or diagnoses



Trust yourself!
If a trainer or
something they
do makes you
or your dog
uncomfortable,
it's okay to
leave or stop
to ask more
questions.



Find a trainer, or learn more about AnimalKind:



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# AnimalKind Dog Training



### Training methods matter.

Did you know the BC SPCA has standards for humane dog training?

Find a BC SPCA-recommended AnimalKind trainer, or read the standards at

#### www.animalkind.ca

AnimalKind dog trainers:

- use positive, reward-based methods
- are committed to dog welfare
- are regularly audited
- have the BC SPCA's stamp of approval



Rely on AnimalKind to help you choose a humane dog trainer and start enjoying a happier, stronger bond with your dog.

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