

Clicker Training Checklist

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So you want to Clicker Train your dog? That's great! You will need items to help you out as you train your dog. You might want to look at some Clicker Training websites and surf the web for best prices. Get a laundry basket and stuff all of these goods in it for your Clicker Training Experience. You'll have fun and with the right materials and your dog will too!

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At Least One Clicker

A Clicker is the most important part of Clicker Training because your Clicker is your tool to enforce the behavior you want. When you get your Clicker and start training, just teach your dog that click means treat - nothing else for the first day. Click. Treat. Repeat. Make sure you only push the clicker once - otherwise your dog will not understand that he is being 'clicked.' If you are very excited and happy that he is getting a trick, still only click once, but give him more treats. We got one clicker for each member of the family. You can get clickers at your local pet store, or at Karen Pryor's website, www.clickertraining.com

Lots Of Treats

This needs to be different than his everyday breakfast, lunch, and dinner food. Treat with something special and tasty. Give only small treats, and when he does an impressive job, give him about twice as much more. (See Jackpot) You may be able to clicker train him during his lunchtime (you can use his everyday food then, because it is lunchtime), if he is hungry, so he can work for his food and not get overweight.

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A Target Stick

You will use this a lot with your training and tricks. We just used a garden stake with a bouncy ball on the end so that our dog wouldn't hurt himself when he jumped to touch it. This tool will be very useful when you want to teach these tricks like: Touch, Jump, Crawl, Limp, Roll Over, and Spin (For training tips, go to the article: [52 Tricks to Teach Your Dog or Puppy](#))

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A Tennis Ball

This is all you need in addition to your clicker and treats for clicker training your dog to 'fetch' or 'retrieve.'

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Toys of Different Shapes and Sizes

Your dog should know the names of all his toys, and maybe know to put them all away. So when you say, "Bring me Squeaky!" He should know that he needs to go get Squeaky. It is easy to teach your dog to learn the names of his toys. Plus, when he is not working, he can have fun with playing, chewing, or running after them.

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A Jingle Bell

Have your dog ring the bell to go outside. Tie it to your doorknob, and when he needs to go, he will just ring that little bell.