

Clicker Tips

1. Always click first, then treat.
2. Always click while the behavior is happening.
3. Only click once.
4. Don't use your clicker to get the dog's attention, or to get the dog to come.
5. Don't use your clicker for encouragement, or as a start signal.
6. Use the right size and type of food treat for your pet.
 - a. Start your training when your dog is hungry.
 - b. Don't leave food down all day long.
 - c. Make treats part of your dog's total food intake.
 - d. Use a highly preferred, delicious smelling food (not kibble).
7. Once your dog has learned a new skill, or even just the beginnings of a new behavior, don't click for every correct response.
8. Keep your training session short and varied; don't practice the same thing over and over.
9. Expect to progress in fits and starts.
10. If a behavior your dog knows will suddenly falls apart, "Go back to Kindergarten."
11. Don't think you can read the dog's mind.
12. Quit while you're ahead.
 - a. Always end on a positive note.
13. **Have fun!!!!!!!!!!!!**