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Is there a Difference Between Bribes, Rewards & Lures?

There is a difference between bribes and lures. A reward is not a bribe it is the reward (reinforcer) for the behavior, *after* the behavior has occurred. A lure may be used before the behavior and to lure or "help" the puppy move the desired direction, position or response. However, when the puppy or dog is demonstrating she is starting to respond to the cue (signal or verbal) the "lure" disappears. However, the *reward* should not disappear.

To increase a behavior the behavior must be consistently rewarded (Positive Reinforcement). For a behavior to decrease the "reward" must disappear (Negative Punishment.)

Here are some ideas to help you determine what you might consider rewards for your puppy.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

REINFORCERS AND REWARDS

Here is a list of ideas. We suggest you circle your puppy's motivators from all three lists, then rank them accordingly. Create a separate list for your *special puppy*.

(1) FOOD REINFORCERS—REWARD IDEAS

- Bacon
- Carrots
- Chicken
- Dried Liver
- Pureed Liver
- Steak
- Baked—sliced Beef
- Weiners (hot dogs)
- Charlie Bears

- Baby Finger Foods
- Hamburger
- Ice Cubes
- String Cheese
- Beef Jerky
- Cheerios—try a little garlic salt & lightly bake
- Freeze dried liver
- Hard-boiled eggs
- Popcorn
- Sardines
- Water to drink or play
- Canned Cat Foods
- Cheese Whiz
- Cooked Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Cat treats
- Goat or Rabbit Poop
- Chewing a Bone
- Tiny Tots
- Dried Lamb Lung
- Simon & Huey's Treats
- Baby Food
- Other _____

(2) TOYS THAT REINFORCE:

- Bungee toys
- Furry toys
- Kongs™
- Rope toys
- Stuffed animals
- Ball on a rope
- Leshes
- Sock with a ball
- Buster Cube™(Food cube)
- Target stick
- Dummies
- Snowballs
- Sticks

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- Tennis balls
- Racket balls
- Horse's Jolly Ball™
- Squeaky Toys
- Goody Ship™
- Treat holders
- Talk to Me Balls™

(3) ACTIVITIES DOGS FIND REINFORCING

- Back scratch
- Barking session
- Getting out of kennel
- Play with other dogs
- Play with you
- Chasing the laser spot
- Cuddling
- Coming into the house
- Playing with cats
- Belly rub
- Chase games
- Hide-n-Seek
- Tug of War
- Allowed on furniture
- Playing with kids
- Car rides
- Herding animals
- Dog parks
- Retrieving
- Wrestling
- Swimming
- Vacuum Chase
- Running of Leash (if you have a recall)
- Shredding Paper
- Rolling in disgusting things
- Going for a walk

- Running/jogging with you
- Trips to training classes
- Agility
- Flyball
- Swim lessons
- Rally Style Obedience
- Hiking
- Chasing a squirrel (but not catching it)
- Digging in dig box
- Digging in sand
- Looking for lizards
- Chasing flies or
- Other _____

Have fun—create a list—revise the list as your puppy matures...discover new things!