



Command News

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Command Dog Training School Our Training Philosophy



Training Methods

There is a wealth of dog training methods, theories and equipment. New technologies and advances in behavioural science offer an enormous number of adaptations and choices. Opinions vary on the way we treat and train animals and to what degree we use rewards and corrections in the training process.

The dog training community is pretty much polarized into two separate camps, that is, the "Totally Positive Trainers" and their more "Traditional" counterparts. The Totally Positive Trainers (TPT) assert that all behaviour modification and training can be managed or eventually overcome by using only purely positive methods (e.g food). They often believe the Traditional trainer's use of correctives or aversives as being abusive and imply that anyone not using totally positive methods must be using heavy-handed domination. Many of their techniques are marketed as being *modern solutions* to training and problem solving. The question is: if dog training can be accomplished using only purely positive methods, why use any other methods?

On the other side of the spectrum, the Traditional trainers contend that a dog cannot totally understand the reward-based system without occasionally using a correction for unacceptable behaviour at some time during training. A segment of them still focus on correction or purely compulsive based methods and does not use positive motivation such as food. Their methods are based in heavy-handed domination and punitive focus.

Unlike food trainers, the **Eclectic Training Method** (employed by CDTS trainers and instructors), does not limit or stifle the trainer's ability to apply a wide variety of techniques to suit both owner & dog. Eclectic trainers believe they need to be able to call on a wide range of techniques and equipment to aid in dog training. These open-minded traditionalists also employ many of the same techniques that the TPT use. They believe that rewarding good behaviour, while ignoring undesirable behaviour has merit and value, but it **does not work for every dog** in every situation. Moreover, balanced Eclectic Trainers believe in being able to apply **all** techniques based on individual needs. Balanced training embraces positive motivation, appropriate rewards and knowledgeable use of aversives and correction. It allows the flexibility of using both positive and negative reinforcements and balancing the two factors in such a way that will emphasize helping the dog learn and retain the required lessons. Dogs like people are diverse in character. What works for one dog may not necessarily work for another. CDTS understands this which is why it utilizes the Eclectic Method also known as - common sense.



DAP (Dog Appeasing Pheromone) is a natural product designed to alleviate stress in both puppies and dogs. More and more Vets are promoting it and using the diffuser in their practices to relieve anxiety in dogs and also cats. The product simulates the smell of the mother's colostrum which in turn has a calming or appeasing affect on the animals. DAP has three products in its range. A spray, diffuser and a collar. For more info, go to <http://www.dapfordogs.com/>

A healthy pet for life
**NATURE'S
GIFT**



Liver Biscuits

2 cups Flour
3 tbs. Vegetable oil
1 cup rolled oats
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/2 cup chicken broth
2 tsp. parsley
1 cup cooked chicken liver, chopped

Combine flour and oats in a separate bowl, beat egg with oil, then add broth & parsley, mix well. Add the dry ingredients to bowl a little at a time, stirring well. Fold in chicken livers and mix well. Dough will be firm. Turn dough out on lightly floured surface and knead briefly. Roll out 1/2" thick and cut into shapes. Place on greased cookie sheet 1" apart. Bake at 180 for 25 minutes or until firm. Store in refrigerator.

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Need to do some Christmas shopping ?

Why not leave your dog at **DogZone** to be pampered for the day, while you spend a day in the city?

DogZone day care centre for dogs based at 53-55 North Rd Richmond is owned & managed by professional dog trainer Sally Chan.

Other services include the dog spa where dogs are fully pampered with a groom and clip and of course a peticure for those nails.

Gift Vouchers also available.

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Pet Insurance

This may be something to consider if you are a dog or cat owner. More and more insurance companies are offering this as an extension to their home insurance policy so it's probably a good idea to research this first. Other companies such as PetSecure specialize in this field. Make sure though you read the terms and conditions in particular for older dogs. Further, most of these insurances don't cover normal consultations or vaccinations. But, if your dog has to stay overnight or has an operation, this insurance could save you up to 85 % of the vet bill. Worth thinking about.



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Hi, It's Movember and time to focus on men's health. To show my commitment, I'm donating my face to the cause by growing a moustache for the entire month of November, and need your support. My Mo will spark conversations, and no doubt generate some laughs; all in the name of raising vital awareness and funds for prostate cancer and male depression. Also, former CDTs Instructor Michael Garcia has joined Team DogBoys. If anyone else would like to join my team go to https://www.movember.com/au/register/details/team_id/244908

The more people I can get to join my team, the more lives we can impact. You can either grow a moustache as a Mo Bro, or join as a Mo Sista and help to recruit other Mo growers to the team. Once registered, the Movember team will send you all the information you need to raise funds and start growing as part of my Movember team. If you'd like to find out more about the type of work you'd be helping to fund by supporting Movember, take a look at the Programs We Fund section on the Movember website: <http://au.movember.com/about>

Thank you in advance for supporting my efforts to change the face of men's health. **Basil Theofanides**

Basil will be co-hosting on 1377 MTR this Saturday 5 November on the Pet Hour from 4 pm to 5 pm.

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Please email me should you have a story

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