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Pit Bull Terrier Obedience Training: Clicker Training

By Tim Amherst

A very popular technique that is being used for Pit Bull terrier training is with the help of a "clicker".

Clicker dog obedience training makes use of a small plastic box that has a metal button on top of it which makes a clicking sound once it is pressed. Clicker training is hit or miss, your Pit may react well and learn from it or he may decide otherwise. There have been a lot of success stories with clicker training.

Canine training research has shown in many dog studies that the clicker promotes obedience training without the use of harsh discipline or negative reinforcement. The idea behind clicker training is that whenever your Pit does something positive, he'll get rewarded and continue to behave in that manner. Dogs are extremely intelligent and if they do something that earns them praise or a tasty treat, they'll quickly learn to repeat the action.

Training your Pit Bull terrier with a clicker is a good way to reinforce positive behaviors. If your Pit obeys you by following your "sit" command, simply give the clicker a "click" and immediately reward him with a treat. The next time your Pit Bull obeys, do the same but don't say anything verbally. Your dog will soon realize that whenever he sits, he hears a "click" and gets a treat. This is powerful because he will associate the clicking sound with positive reinforcement and will soon obey even without the treat.

Clicker dog training is never used in conjunction with negative reinforcement because researchers believe that although punishment does stop some bad behaviour, it could also potentially create other unwanted behaviors. Punishment, or negative reinforcement, is almost always practiced after a dog has done something wrong. Therefore, dogs see punishment as a random consequence which makes it ineffective as a training technique.

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American Pit Bull Terrier Training: How To Train An Aggressive Dog

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Aggressive Pit Bulls can become a very serious problem if not dealt with in a proper manner. New laws exist that state if a dog bites or attacks someone, the dog's owner will be held responsible and the dog put down. This is just another reason that Pit Bull owners should invest the time and energy to properly train their dogs.

There are many different reasons why a Pit Bull terrier may become aggressive. Here are a couple of the most common that I see:

– Your dog may feel that his territory is being invaded – Your dog may feel threatened

When a dog exhibits signs of aggression, they usually come from a lack of confidence and feelings of insecurity. Basic obedience training won't solve your Pit Bull's problem with aggressive behavior, the only solution is serious dog training. Keep in mind that an aggressive dog doesn't just bite, he barks and lunges at people as well and he could also attack another pet.

I would strongly recommend seeking the services of a professional dog trainer if you're having a real problem with aggression. Training an aggressive dog is a challenge and can prove to be expensive, but it is a small price to pay when you consider you'll be saving your Pit's life and possibly the life of some other animal or individual. To find a professional trainer who handles cases of aggression, contact your local veterinarian and ask for referrals.

Be sure that you do your homework and thoroughly investigate the schools which are recommended. Look at their facilities and learn what methods they use when training dogs. The last thing you want is for your Pit Bull to exhibit worse behavior after going through training school than when he first entered.

I applaud your decision to be a responsible Pit Bull terrier owner and have your dog trained. An aggressive Pit can halt the relationship that you have with him, hurt other people, hurt other animals, and give this fabulous breed a bad reputation. After it is all said and done, I'm certain you'll agree that having your Pit Bull trained was a fantastic decision!

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