# YOUR CHOICE Affects Your Dog's Choice.



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- A case of GROWLING to guard a toy -

## YOUR CHOICES



Understand your dog's feelings, play for a WIN-WIN outcome

**Punish the behavior** Take away the toy

#### STEP 1. Follow this procedure:

- 1. Show a treat and say "Give me your ball"
- 2. Wait for him to voluntarily open his mouth to let go of the toy
- 3. Say "Good Boy!" and throw a treat away from the ball
- 4. Throw the ball!





#### **YOUR DOG THINKS:**

When I give up my ball, good things happen! My person doesn't mean to rob me of my ball.





I made the discomfort disappear!

#### STEP 2.

When your dog has learned to drop the ball before you show him the treat, just wait for him to drop the ball, and then throw the ball. Only give a treat when play time is wrapped up and the ball is put away.

#### **OUR DOG THINKS:**

I told my person I was uncomfortable. He did not acknowledge my feelings.

#### **YOUR DOG LEARNS:**

I should growl when I feel uncomfortable

YOUR DOG WILL GROWL WHENEVER HE DOESN'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING



### **YOUR DOG LEARNS:**

I have nothing to lose when giving up my ball to my person. Good things happen.

YOUR DOG WILL **READILY GIVE YOU HIS TOY** 



#### **YOUR DOG LEARNS:**

I have to choose other ways to make myself understood.

YOUR DOG WILL CHOOSE **WORSE BEHAVIOR** 



Your dog can make better choices if YOU make better choices!

Let's learn more about dogs and Positive Reinforcement Training!