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RECOGNIZING PRE-CURSOR TO AGGRESSION



LOW RATE OF REINFORCEMENT

- * **Don't forget you can reinforce any behavior you want to see again, not just the specific behavior you are formally training in the moment.**
- * **Practicing a behavior means they will get better at it, repetition builds confidence, this includes unwanted behaviors.**
- * **Set the stage to make the right behavior easiest.**
- * **Offer reinforcers for smaller approximations to keep the rate higher, keep communication clear, and keep momentum flowing.**



MULTIPLE ANIMAL SESSIONS

- * **Make sure everyone has a job to do to earn reinforcers.**
- * **Make everyone's job incompatible with unwanted behaviors. (DRI's)**
- * **Set everyone up for success by arranging antecedents appropriately.**
- * **Offer information when needed, don't wait for them to fail.**



GIVE THEM A VOICE

- * **Be a sensitive, observant trainer.**
- * **Listen to them when they say “no” with their body language.**
- * **Move ahead at their pace.**
- * **If they are uncomfortable with you in their space listen and leave, re-group and set up a plan to accomplish cooperative training goals.**





ALLOW THEM TO SHAPE YOUR BEHAVIOR

- * First of all, they are so just accept it.
- * They are not trying to play mind games or dominate us, they are trying to communicate. Listen to them.
- * A training session is about two way communication, we bring 1/2 of the info and the animal brings the other 1/2.
- * Aim to have a conversation, ask questions and respond appropriately instead of trying to command, demand, and get compliance.
- * Two way communication increases trust and decreases the need for the animal to feel their only option to get you to listen is to show aggression.



BE THEIR PARTNERS



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