

Foster Dog Handling & Training

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Overview

- Decompression
- Walking equipment
- Learning theory & training practices
- Basic obedience
 - Sit
 - Down
 - Touch
 - Mat training
- Management
 - Jumping
 - Counter-surfing
- Dog-dog introductions
- Dog-cat introductions
- Hands-on practice with shelter dogs!

Decompression

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- [Research](#) has shown that even short-term foster stays reduce stress for shelter dogs!
- Give time to decompress and acclimate.



Walking equipment

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- Easy Walk
- 3-in-1 Harness
- Back-clip harness
- Double leash



Learning theory & training practices

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- Reward-based training
- No corrections are permitted at any time.



Learning theory & training practices

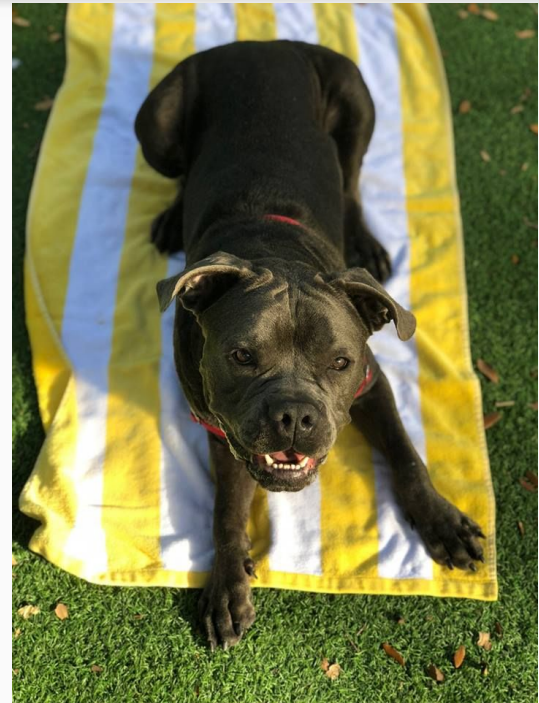
- Treats, please!
- Luring, shaping, and capturing
- Environmental management (more on this later!)



Basic obedience

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- Sit
- Down
- Touch
- Mat training / impulse control



Management

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- Crate training
- Supervised tethering
- Play pens
- Baby gates
- *Enrichment is your friend!*



Dog-dog introductions

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- **NO DOG PARKS!**
- Why?
 - Transmission of parasites/illness
 - Unknown dogs' behavior
 - Unknown shelter dogs' behavior
 - Stress
 - Lack of supervision



Dog-dog introductions

- Separate resources
 - *Not just across the kitchen!*
- Group walks on loose leash
- Group training
- Supervision
- Breaks as needed
- Contact Behavior & Training Dept.



Dog-cat introductions

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- **Completely separate at first!**
- See-through barrier
- Leashed introduction
- Vertical space for cat
- Contact Behavior & Training Dept.



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Time to practice!

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