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# BEHAVIOR PROBLEM FLOWCHART

## Solve over 20 of the most common pet dog problems

There are three main categories of dog behavior problems: Housetraining, Temperament & Obedience. Each of these three categories has a different set of training techniques that are most effective. This flowchart will help you figure out what sort of problem you are dealing with and how to best solve it. After learning just a handful of methods you will be able to resolve the vast majority of pet dog behavior problems.

DOES YOUR DOG  
HAVE A BEHAVIOR  
PROBLEM?  
YES?  
NO?

STOP FEEDING YOUR DOG FROM A  
**FOOD BOWL**

**THAT'S WONDERFUL!**

YOU MAY FEED YOUR DOG FROM A **FOODBOWL\***

\* But why would you when enrichment toys are bringing so much joy to your dog's life?

DOES IT  
HAPPEN WHEN YOUR  
DOG IS AT HOME  
UNSUPERVISED?  
YES?  
NO?

### HOUSETRAINING PROBLEMS

HOUSESOILING, DESTRUCTIVE CHEWING, EXCESSIVE BARKING, DIGGING,  
SEPARATION ANXIETY, EATING UNWANTED ITEMS, ESCAPING

Prevent the problems that can occur when no one is watching. These problems are impossible to punish effectively and they quickly become bad habits. Don't give your dog the opportunity to misbehave. Teach correct household behavior from the beginning.

**CHEWTOY TRAINING**

**CONFINEMENT**

**TOILET TRAINING**

IS YOUR DOG  
HURTING OR  
SCARING ANYONE?  
YES?  
NO?

### TEMPERAMENT PROBLEMS

FEARFULNESS, AGGRESSIVE TOWARDS PEOPLE OR DOGS (BITING, LUNGING, BARKING, FIGHTING),  
OVERLY PHYSICAL PLAY WITH PEOPLE OR DOGS, OVER-PROTECTIVE OF PEOPLE, OBJECTS OR PLACES

Once again, prevention is much better than rehabilitation. Early socialization is easy and effective. When problems do arise you need to be able to objectively assess the severity of the problem and address it immediately with classical conditioning.

**BITE INHIBITION**

**OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT**

**CLASSICAL CONDITIONING**

### OBEDIENCE PROBLEMS

When your dog misbehaves in front of you, the solution is teaching your dog to perform a different behavior, on cue, and then motivating them to do so reliably.

IS YOUR DOG  
HYPERACTIVE?  
YES?  
NO?

**SIT & DOWN**  
**CALM DOWN**

IS YOUR DOG  
TOO FRIENDLY?  
JUMPING UP?  
MOUTHING?  
HUMPING?  
YES?  
NO?

**SIT & DOWN**  
**OFF**

IS YOUR DOG  
RUNNING AWAY?  
CHASING?  
STEALING?  
NOT COMING  
WHEN CALLED?  
YES?  
NO?

**SIT & DOWN**  
**COME**

IS YOUR DOG  
PULLING  
ON LEASH?  
YES?  
NO?

**LOOSE LEASH**  
**WALKING**

IS YOUR DOG  
BARKING?  
WHINING?  
EATING BAD  
THINGS?  
YES?  
NO?

**CHEWTOY TRAINING**  
**TAKE IT**  
**SHUSH**

IS YOUR  
DOG DOING  
SOMETHING  
ELSE?  
YES?  
NO?

**WHAT IS IT?**  
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**PRACTICE IN PROGRESSIVELY MORE CHALLENGING SITUATIONS TO IMPROVE RELIABILITY**