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The Skill Set & Mechanics


- Learn how to plan your training session for maximum success.
- Understand how to shape with minimal errors.
- Learn how to 'micro-slice' behaviors.
- Understand how to create linear chains.
- Examine how to back-chain for success.
- Recognize how to choose the best method to teach your new behavior.
- Learn how to identify weak links in the chain.

The Behaviors:

- Open a door.
- Crate.
- A short trick routine (Pop, Close, Rewind, Hug)

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The Science & Knowledge

- Understand the teaching strategy shaping.
- Understand the term micro-slicing.
- Understand free-shaping and its drawbacks
- Gain a clear understanding of how to build a compound behavior chain.
- Understand the term “back chaining”.
- Examine the whys and why nots of using a crate.
- Learn about Pavlov’s Dogs, Thorndike’s Puzzle Box, Watson’s ‘Little Albert’ and Skinner’s Box!
- Gain a clearer understanding of the four quadrants of Operant Conditioning
- Gain a deeper understanding of Response Conditioning.

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