



Teach Your Dogs the Names of their Toys!



You will need a couple of toys and some yummy treats and a playful mood!

1. Pick one toy and name it - so, pick a green toy and name it "Broccoli"
2. Hold "Broccoli" within your dog's reach, move the toy and get your dog's attention and say "Broccoli". When your dog looks at the toy, touches the toy or interacts with the toy, mark it with a "yes" and give your dog a treat.
3. Repeat this 10 - 12 times until your dog begins to play with the toy. When your dog is very consistent with this interaction, move the toy and place it on the floor. Call the toy by it's name, "Broccoli" and reward your dog with treats when he looks at it or touches it. If your dog seems unsure and looks to you for help, go ahead and move the toy and repeat calling the toy by it's name. When your dog touches or interacts with the toy, mark it with a "yes" and reward with treats. *(You can teach this to blind dogs, as well!)*
4. (You can also call the toy by it's name and use a good game of tug when your dog interacts with the toy. If you play with the toy, it will mean even more to your dog.)
5. Now, begin to put the toy in different locations and call the toy by it's name when you put it down. When your dog touches it, after you have put it down, mark it with a "yes". You can play fetch with the toy, calling the toy by it's name when your dog brings the toy to you.
6. Play this game for several days with the "Broccoli" and then put "Broccoli" away and teach your dog the name of a new toy, "Raccoon". Begin at the beginning and go through all the same steps. Once your dogs has learned the name of the "Raccoon", bring "Broccoli" back and practice with both toys.

Over time you can teach more toys and their names to your dog. Just remember to always use the same name for the same toy and always call the toy by it's name. Don't rush it and have fun with your dog!

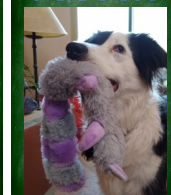
Pick a Toy and Name it.



"Broccoli"



"Raccoon"



Broccoli OR Raccoon?

