

# YOUR CHOICE Affects Your Dog's Choice.



GRRRRR

- A case of GROWLING to guard a toy -

## YOUR CHOICES

**Do nothing**

**Understand your dog's feelings,  
play for a WIN-WIN outcome**

**Punish the behavior  
Take away the toy**

### STEP 1. Follow this procedure:

1. Show a treat and say "Give me your ball"
2. Wait for him to voluntarily open his mouth to let go of the toy
3. Say "Good Boy!" and throw a treat away from the ball
4. Throw the ball!



**YOUR DOG THINKS:**  
When I give up my ball,  
good things happen!  
My person doesn't mean to  
rob me of my ball.

### STEP 2.

When your dog has learned to drop the ball before you show him the treat, just wait for him to drop the ball, and then throw the ball. Only give a treat when play time is wrapped up and the ball is put away.

**YOUR DOG LEARNS:**  
I have nothing to lose  
when giving up my ball  
to my person.  
Good things happen.

**YOUR DOG WILL  
READILY GIVE YOU HIS TOY**

SURE!



**YOUR DOG THINKS:**  
I made the discomfort  
disappear!

**YOUR DOG LEARNS:**  
I should growl when  
I feel uncomfortable

**YOUR DOG WILL GROWL  
WHENEVER HE DOESN'T  
WANT TO DO ANYTHING**



**YOUR DOG THINKS:**  
I told my person I was  
uncomfortable. He did not  
acknowledge my feelings.

**YOUR DOG LEARNS:**  
I have to choose other  
ways to make myself  
understood.

**YOUR DOG WILL CHOOSE  
WORSE BEHAVIOR**



**Your dog can make better choices if YOU make better choices!**

Let's learn more about dogs and Positive Reinforcement Training!