






# Break out the toolbox




**VARY YOUR REINFORCEMENT AMOUNTS AND TYPES.** FOR EXCELLENT RESPONSES HITTING ALL POINTS OF THE CRITERIA, FEEL FREE TO OFFER MULTIPLE PIECES OF FOOD. USE BEHAVIORS WITH A LONG HISTORY OF REINFORCEMENT AS REINFORCEMENT FOR MORE DIFFICULT BEHAVIORS. YOUR CLICKER IS YOUR STRONGEST SECONDARY REINFORCER AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE AS LONG AS IT IS RELIABLY PAIRED WITH FOOD. FOR BEHAVIORS WITH A LONG HISTORY OF REINFORCEMENT, DON'T BE SCARED TO REINFORCE THEM WITH ONLY A CLICK EVERY NOW AND THEN.




**FINE TUNE YOUR SKILLS.** MAKE SURE YOUR CUES ARE PRECISE. FILM YOUR SESSION AND WATCH IT BACK. MAKE SURE YOUR BRIDGE TIMING IS PRECISE. FILM YOUR SESSION IN SLOW MOTION AND WORK TO TIGHTEN IT UP. PICK A TAG POINT AND **TAGTEACH** WITH YOUR CO-TRAINERS AND PEERS.



**WATCH FOR ACCIDENTAL ANTECEDENTS.** WHAT'S THE REAL CUE FOR YOUR ANIMAL TO SHIFT LOCATIONS? IS IT YOU SHOWING UP IN YOUR KHAKIS WITH YOUR KEYS, THE DOOR OPENING, OR THE ACTUAL CUE "SHIFT". IDENTIFY THE CUE YOU WANT TO KEEP AND **COUNTER CONDITION** THE OTHERS.



**WORK ON BUILDING DURATION.** HOW LONG WILL YOUR ANIMAL STAY IN PARALLEL POSITION? BUILD DURATION IN THAT BEHAVIOR BY LENGTHENING THE TIME IN SMALL APPROXIMATIONS. IF RIGHT NOW YOUR ANIMAL WILL HOLD PARALLEL FOR 3 SECONDS, START REINFORCING FOR 4 SECONDS, THEN 5 SECONDS AND SO ON.



**WORK ON BUILDING RESISTANCE TO DISTRACTION.** WHAT MAKES A STRONG BEHAVIOR? THE ABILITY OF THAT ANIMAL TO PERFORM THAT BEHAVIOR IN RESPONSE TO THE CUE, NO MATTER WHAT. DOES YOUR ANIMAL STILL RELIABLY COMPLETE A TRAINING SESSION WITH THE RESERVE DOOR OPEN? WITH THE RADIO ON? IF YOU'RE WEARING A HAT?



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CONDITIONING HERE!

*Animals  
Amplified*

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