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TAP INTO YOUR DOGS INNER SNIFF-TECTIVE



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Let me do the research, and you have the fun!
Check out some tips below to get you started:

Let the Fun Begin: Enrichment activities are an excellent way to boost your dog's confidence and strengthen your relationship. It's all right if your dog requires a bit of guidance or additional treats. You want to keep things fun and exciting for everyone.

15 Minutes a Day: Enrichment can take as little as 15 minutes. While it's best to provide enrichment daily, there may be days when that's not feasible. Don't worry; your dog will still appreciate snuggles and treats in place of the activities.

Personalize it: Our dogs are unique, and what works for one may not be the best option for another. Pay attention to your dog's individual preferences and needs. Enrichment should be a positive and enjoyable experience for you and your dog.

Bonus Tip: To make things easier on busy days, try feeding your dog their meals in a slow feeder bowl or on a lick mat.

TIPS AND TRICKS

We always include a toy that your dog can use as they would like, within safety limits, of course.

This month, the Crinkly Chipmunk! Does your pup love to shred toys? Shake toys? Play tug?

All of these outlets are possible with the Crinkly Chipmunk while meeting the sensory needs of your dog. Through different textures and the crinkling sound made by the toy.



TASTY CHEWS

Duck Feet Benefits for Dogs:

- Natural source of glucosamine and chondroitin for joint health
- Promotes dental health by cleaning teeth and gums
- Provides mental stimulation and prevents inappropriate chewing
- Rich in essential nutrients for overall health
- Supports healthy skin and coat with omega-3 fatty acids

Beef Trachea Ring Benefits for Dogs:

- Natural source of glucosamine and chondroitin for joint health
- Promotes dental health by cleaning teeth and gums
- Provides mental stimulation and prevents inappropriate chewing
- Rich in essential nutrients for overall health
- Supports digestive health and aids in digestion.

A German Shepherd dog is shown in profile, sniffing a black jacket lying on a green lawn. The dog's coat is black, tan, and white. The background is a blurred green field. The text "SNIFFING OUT FUN WITH YOUR FURRY FRIEND" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

SNIFFING OUT FUN WITH YOUR FURRY FRIEND

1. **Mental Stimulation:** Scent work engages your dog's amazing sense of smell while providing mental stimulation and preventing boredom. With tasks like tracking and searching for hidden objects, you challenge your dog's mind and improve their problem-solving skills, ultimately enhancing their overall well-being.
2. **Physical Exercise:** Scent work engages your dog physically with activities like running and searching for scent.
3. **Natural Behaviors:** Dogs have up to **300 million** scent receptors in their nose. In the wild, dogs relied on their sense of smell for hunting, tracking prey, navigating their environment, detecting danger, and "seeing" the world through their nose.

Engaging in these natural behaviors can fulfill their instincts and contribute to their overall well-being.



PAWZITIVE STARTER SNIFF KIT

Be sure to keep scent sealed in the jars when not in use, this will help prolong their use.

Nose Work builds confidence in your dog by letting them take the lead. We prefer to let the dog search without any gear on but if you do, we highly suggest using a harness to provide the least restriction.

As with all enrichment activities, if you notice your dog is getting frustrated, make the game easier. A lot of factors can come into play when a dog is tracking a scent; airflow, wind, other smells, and even temperature.

If your dog gets confused, go back to the previous step to remaster that one.

Keep one scent in a tin at a time to avoid mixing scents. The mesh bags make transferring bags and cleaning containers easier.

Mark with a “yes” and reward every time they find the tin.



PAWZITIVE STARTER SNIFF KIT

Kit Contents:

One Air Tight Jar of Clove.

One Air Tight Jar of Anise.

Three Tins With Scent Holes

- Three magnets to inspire different locations as you and your dog progress.

Three Mini Draw String Bags - used to hold herbs before placing them in the tin to prevent accidental ingestion or spills.

One storage bag for all supplies.



ENGAGE THE SENSES INTRODUCING YOUR DOG

Where to Start: When teaching our dogs how to find a new scent, it is important we start slow and use positive reinforcement. If your dog doesn't seem to like one scent, give the other a try. Sometimes our pups, like us, can be a little picky.

Step 1: Hold the tin with the scent inside, in front of your dog. Every time your dog sniffs it, mark it with a "yes" or click if you use a clicker, and then reward your pup. Do this until your dog is consistently going to the tin when the tin is presented.

Step 2: Hold the tin in one hand with treats in the opposite hand, creating a type of distraction. Every time your dog sniffs at the tin, mark and reward. Continue to mark/reward anytime your pup's nose sniffs or touches the tin. This is setting them up to learn how to alert you when they find scent.

INTRODUCING YOUR DOG TO A NEW SCENT

Step 3: Alternate hands to create more distraction. Continue to repeat steps 2 and 3 until you believe your dog understands that finding the smell source leads to a treat from you.

Step 4: After your dog has the concept down, add a cue like “find it”. When adding the cue, you will increase the distance between your dog, the tin, and yourself. Make sure you go at your dog’s pace. Remember to mark/reward every time your dog finds the tin.

When your dog can quickly look for the tin upon using your cue, move to step 5.

Step 5: Try placing the tin in random spots, again at your dog’s pace, and work on gaining confidence in their search.

LET US GET NOSEY



Game One - The Nosey Nose

1. Continue to use the cue from the first game (find it, etc.)
2. This game is all about teaching your dog to find the tin in new situations/locations. Start with two or more tins in a space. Put the tin in a box or other container. Use your cue to have your dog locate the scent. Mark/reward when they touch the correct container.
3. Increase the number of boxes as your dog masters each set.
4. If you and your dog are comfortable and more confident, you can try changing up the scent.

LET US GET NOSEY

Game Two - The Working Nose

1. Keep your dog out of the room and hide one or more of your tins around the room.
2. Bring your dog into the room and give them the cue “find it”.
3. When they find the first tin, mark/reward. Give the cue “find it” to begin the search for the second tin.



A dog's sense of smell is 10,000-100,000 times better than ours. This is due to possessing up to 300 million olfactory receptors in their nose. We only have around 5 million!



TAKE THE ADVENTURE OUTSIDE

Game 3 - Take that Nosey Nose outside

Spring is here! Take your dog out for a “heel-free” walk!



Don't get me wrong, we tend to spend a lot of time and even money learning to master a “heel” with our dogs, but with enrichment, drop that heel!

Let your dog take the lead on this walk with the included 20ft long-line leash, water bottle, and poop bags (because what dog guardian doesn't need more poop bags).

Let's turn your pup's world upside down, in the best way possible!

Have you ever thought about bringing a piece of the outdoors into your living room? It's time to raid nature's treasure trove! Snatch up a funky rock or a gnarly stick and make them the VIPs of your indoor adventure. Your dog's nose will thank you as you switch up the scent scene indoors. For some scent mix ups ideas, bring items from outside of your yard, into your yard and let your dog take in the new smells.

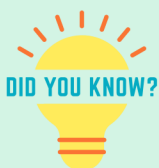
INTERESTED IN MORE NOSE WORK?

Here are some great resources to continue your learning:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-scent-work/getting-started/> - American Kennel Club

<https://www.scentworku.com/> - online scent work training lessons

<https://www.nacsw.net/> - National Association of Canine Scent Work



Our dogs see our world through their sense of smell, like how we see the world through our sense of sight.

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A huge thank you for choosing Pawzitive! Your support means the world to me.

I started my journey to help the dogs in my care live a happy, healthy, and long life, and now I get to help other dog guardians like you do the same. Thank you for your support!

If you ever have any questions, go ahead and send me an email and I will respond.

