

TRAINING PLAN MILD FOOD AGGRESSION

AGGRESSION OVER FOOD BOWL AND/OR DELICIOUS CHEW TOYS (DCTS)

1 AVOIDANCE

Do not pet dog, enter cage/run or remove food bowl or DCT while the dog is eating or chewing on a toy or treat. Chew toys should be of low value (not delicious like a pig's ear or bone) or very short lasting

2 SAY PLEASE PROGRAM (see doc)

3 FEED MEALS IN PRESENCE OF PEOPLE (1-2X daily, 5-7 days a week)

Perform away from the dog's kennel in a location where the person working with the dog can be far enough away from the dog so that the dog does not consider the person to be a threat. The dog must be able to eat food or chew on the DCT with relaxed body postures and no stress or anxiety. The trainer should ignore the dog during these exercises, and as the first week of training progresses, walk around the room during sessions so that the dog becomes accustomed to a person walking while eating food from a bowl and/or chewing on a DCT

4 Retrieve Training (1-2X daily, see doc)

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