



Clicker Training Challenge

Ever wondered how animals learn? Reward-based training is a positive way to teach any pet new tasks. The concept is simple: REWARD the actions or behaviors you want; ignore the ones you do not like. Pets learn through trial and error if they are doing the right action because they hear a sound - like a "click" - which is followed by a reward, like food, affection or play. Pets have fun learning new tasks and build a stronger bond of trust with you, their guardian. Try our human version of rewards training - a Clicker Training Maze!

Materials: Make a minimum 4x4 square grid using pieces of cardboard, chalk, paper, or string and tape; answer key sheet and pencil

Directions:



START by marking out a square grid on the floor or sidewalk. Label the top left square "start" and the bottom right "finish".

Players can travel forwards, backwards, or side to side. On an answer key, map out different routes, to get from "start" to "finish".

Don't give up!
Trial and error will help you reach the finish!



Parent tip:

This game helps to develop empathy for what animals experience. If your child becomes upset or frustrated, talk to them about how our pets might feel and what they would do to overcome a similar situation.

As players attempt to find the correct path, make a click with your mouth or clap if they step on a correct square. If they step on an incorrect square, stay silent.



If players step on an incorrect square, they must return to the "start" and retry until they find the right path to the finish.

Once the correct path is found and they reach the FINISH, start over with a new maze.

Sample route

