

Oregon Humane Society
Pet Behavior Help-Line
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**Fostering an environment of
respect, responsibility and
compassion for all animals.**

How To Find A Training Class

We suggest finding a training class by using the following methods:

- Check the Association of Pet Dog Trainers web site at www.APDT.com for members in your area. This is an organization that promotes positive training techniques through continued education.
- Obviously there are many training establishments in the directories, so call and ask if you may attend a class as an observer (without your dog) to see if you like the facility and training methods. Some schools have multiple trainers, so find the one you like the best.
- Look for trainers that use regular collars, head halters, treats, clickers, toys and games to train - training should be educational and fun for both you and your dog.
- We do not recommend the use of metal training collars or shock collars of any kind. Nor do we recommend the use of fear and intimidation in training – training should be fun!
- Look for a small class size of 6-12 dogs - trainers will often have assistants to help you with the practical work.
- If you adopted your dog from a shelter let the trainer know as many places offer discounts.