

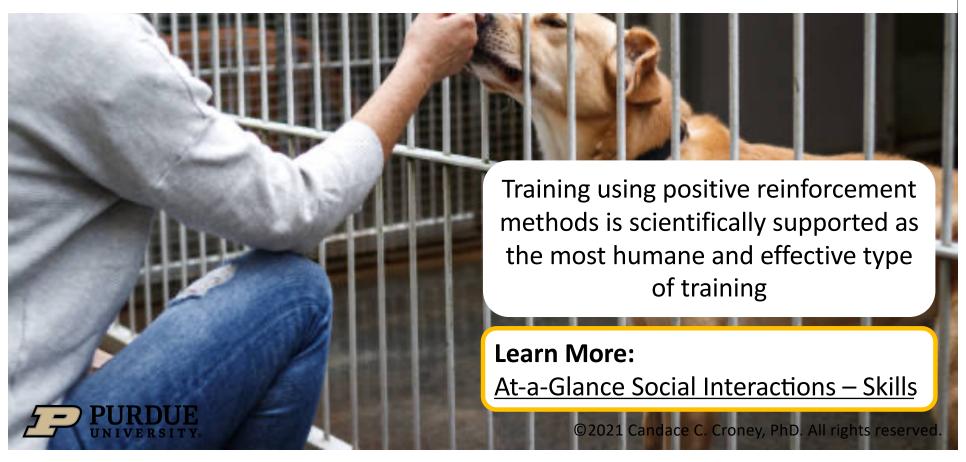
There are many types of beneficial interactions between dogs and people

These include:

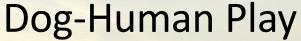
- Positive Reinforcement Training
- Play
- Petting
- Walking
- Passive interactions such as observation or sitting in proximity
- Low Stress Handling



Positive-Reinforcement Training







- Dogs play differently with humans than they do with other dogs (e.g., more interactive, less object-possession)
- Well-socialized dogs will often play with unfamiliar people







Passive dog-human interactions include:

- Observing (e.g., during a veterinary examination)
- Proximity (e.g., sitting next to a kennel)

Benefits of passive dog-human interactions include:

- Reduced stress
- Increased play with other dogs



Benefits of dog-human interactions

- Minimizes undesirable behaviors (examples: barking, overactivity, pacing, fear, and aggression)
- Increases desirable behaviors (examples: playing, socializing, resting)
- Reduces stress



Make sure interactions are positive and safe for all dogs and people involved









- Increase human recognition of fear in dogs
- Increase the number of physical features used to assess welfare
- Improve ease and accuracy of assessment of welfare

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FAQ

Regularly seeing and hearing other dogs and caretakers as a part of normal kennel operations (e.g., feeding times, transitions to outside pens) is not enough to provide adequate social interaction

- Deliberate efforts must be made to regularly offer experiences where the focus is on social interaction
- For example, play sessions, training sessions, or petting sessions



Learn More:

- At-a-Glance Social Interactions Application
- At-a-Glance Social Interactions Dogs
- At-a-Glance Social Interactions Handling
- At-a-Glance Social Interactions Skills
- Quick Tips for Success: Adult Dog Body Handling
- Adult Dog Body Handling Checklist
- Body Language Handout
- The role of caretaker interactions in environmental enrichment for kenneled dogs



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