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TRAINING GUIDE

PET COMMUNICATION BUTTONS

Mastering Pet Communication

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Chapter 1: Introduction

What's the origin of button communication?

Button communication was originally a method to give non-verbal children a way to express themselves. Words and phrases were assigned to sound buttons. The children successfully learnt the purpose of each button and were able to effectively communicate their needs.

Does button communication work for pets?

A study from the University of California San Diego showed that dogs don't just press the buttons because of non-verbal cues that they perceive, but rather they really understand specific words in a set context. This shows the effectiveness of sound button training.

With my training guide I will help you achieve a new level of communication with your pet. Follow the mentioned advice and steps to start talking with your pet!

Chapter 2: Laying The Foundation

Collecting vocabulary

Before you start training, take some time to reflect on the words you have already established with your pet and note them down. Prioritize words that have a huge impact for your pet (i.e. “OUTSIDE”). They will be your starting point to familiarize your pet with the concept of the communication buttons.

Typical words are: “OUTSIDE”, “PLAY”, “WATER”, “LOVE” etc.

Where should the buttons be placed?

Some pets prefer if the buttons are near the associated action. For others it’s easier when all buttons are consolidated in one training station. If your pet likes it more in a training station, I recommend to put them in an area where your pet and family share a lot of time together.

Crucial beginner mistakes

Here are the top 3 mistakes that trainers make:

Starting with “TREAT” or “FOOD”.

- Initially you don’t want your pet to associate the sound buttons with food but instead with fun and a meaningful interaction.

Overloading your pet.

- Learning to use the sound button is a cognitive process, that can take a few weeks. Don’t overload them too much with complex commands and phrases.

Not being a role model.

- Your pet learns and imitates you. You must voice your command clearly, follow it up by pressing the respective button and performing the wanted outcome.

Consistency

Did you ever learn a second language and realized the more you practice it, the more fluent you become? That's exactly the same regarding training your pet with these buttons. Stay consistent and keep modeling for your pet.

Changing words

Never change your chosen word during the training process. If you do it, you will cause a set-back for your pet as they become confused.

Count small victories

Whenever you catch your pet standing near the buttons, looking at them or even pawing them, give them praise. This will motivate them to continue their journey!

Chapter 4: Set An Example

Building habits

As already mentioned, you need to build a habit and be an example to your pet. They learn from you, so model the behaviour you want to enhance.

Here are two examples on how you can use your buttons.

Command: OUTSIDE



1. Call your pet over and clearly state the word “OUTSIDE” in multiple phrases and with enthusiasm. 2. Press the button so they associate “OUTSIDE” with the button.
3. Prepare your pet for the walk.

Command: PLAY



1. You can use this command with additional words to specify their favorite toy.
2. Voice your command / toy words clearly.
3. Press the button.
4. Play with your pet / bring them their toy.

Chapter 5: Recording Button

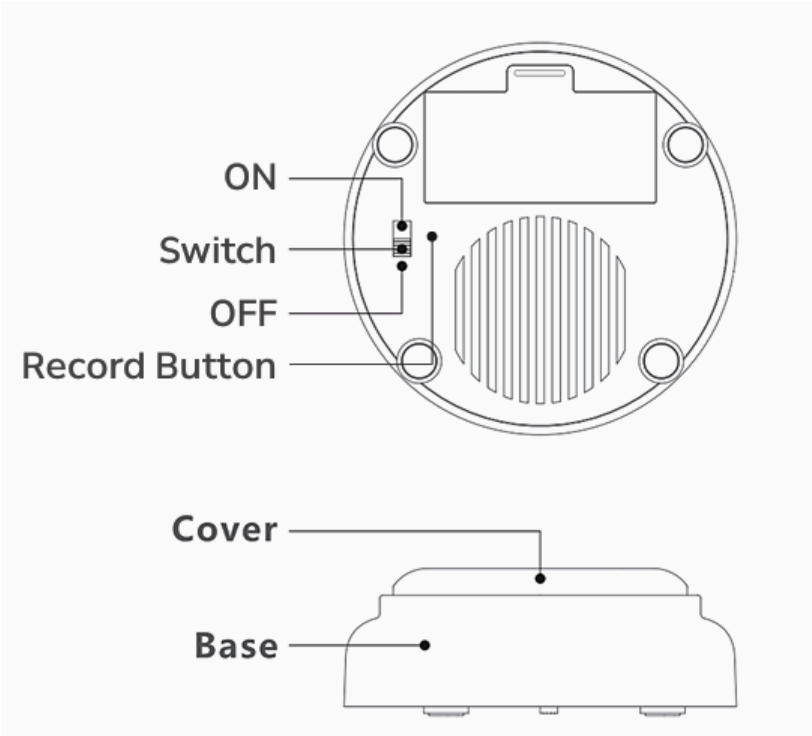
Recording steps

General tip:
Avoid background noise as much as possible while recording.

Steps:
1. Remove the insulation strip inside the battery compartment.
2. Turn the switch to “ON”.
3. Press and hold the little record button on the bottom firmly. Hold still while doing so.
4. Wait for the “beep”, then say your word clearly towards the bottom of the button. Keep 5 cm distance to avoid a muffled recording.
5. Release the little record button.
6. Press the top of the button to test playback.

Recording a new message
To record a new message, you can simply repeat the mentioned steps.

Button build




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