

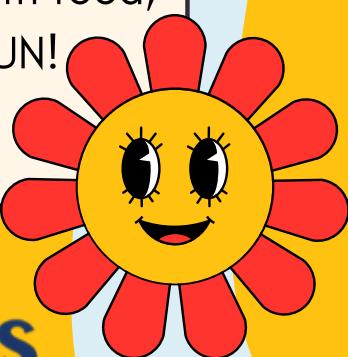
## **The “Your Turn, My Turn” Sharing Game**

Goal: Teach two dogs that taking turns with food, toys, and attention is safe, fair, and FUN!



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## Why it Works

Dogs thrive on predictability and fairness. By setting a consistent pattern—Dog A gets a turn, then Dog B gets a turn—you create a calm rhythm. This helps both dogs stay under threshold (not stressed or overstimulated) and builds positive feelings around sharing.

## What You'll Need

- Two dogs who are comfortable in the same space
- High-value treats or kibble
- Two identical toys (like two tug ropes or two stuffies)
- A comfy space where everyone can relax
- A calm, encouraging pet parent voice!





## Step-by-Step: Teaching Food Sharing

- Start calm! Both dogs should be relaxed and able to focus. If either dog is tense or hyper-focused, pause and reset.
- Place each dog on either side of your body or even separate with baby gates if dogs need it.
- Pick your A-B order. (It doesn't matter who goes first—just keep the order consistent!)
- Say the name of Dog A and calmly offer a treat.
- Pause, then say the name of Dog B and offer them a treat.
- Repeat! Like a song: "A... B... A... B..."
- If one dog gets too excited or tries to take the other's turn, gently reset with more space, and or lower-value treats.
- Praise calm behavior between turns with soft voice or petting if appropriate.





## Toys

Use two identical toys, one per pup.

Let Dog A play briefly with a toy (toss, tug, or chew), while Dog B is calmly held or redirected.

After 10–15 seconds, calmly say “All done,” and switch. Dog B gets their play turn.

Repeat the A–B pattern, always making it a relaxed and fair experience.

Keep sessions short and positive. Always end before it gets intense or competitive.

## Human Affection

Sit on the floor or couch with some space between the dogs.

Pet Dog A for a few seconds (gently and calmly).

Pause and switch to Dog B with the same calm petting.

Back to Dog A, then Dog B. You’re the prize they’re learning to share!

Encourage settling by pairing pets with a treat.



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## Red Flag Reminder

If either dog shows signs of:

- Stiffness
- Whale eye
- Growling
- Freezing
- Tongue flicking
- breath holding
- Abrupt head turning
- Hard eye contact with other dog

Stop the game and create more distance or ask a certified dog behavior consultant (like the amazing folks at Courteous Canine ) for help.

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