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# How to be More Fun Than a Squirrel!

Welcome to the wonderful world of interactive play with your furry friend, because play is your ticket to becoming more interesting than a squirrel! By incorporating fun and engaging activities into your training routine, you can enhance your success and minimize distractions. Here's how to make the most of play training your pup:

1. **The Look Game**: Teach your dog the "Look" cue by encouraging them to glance at distractions and then redirect their focus back to you. When your dog makes eye contact, with the distraction, say yes and then reward in front of you. This behavior chain ends

with the dog looking at you and eventually the dog will just look at you instead of the distraction!

2. **Preference Testing**: Discover which toys and food rewards your dog finds most enticing through preference testing. Offer a variety of toys and treats, and observe which ones elicit the strongest positive response from your pup. Once you've identified their favorites, you can use these supercharged rewards to enhance motivation during training sessions.
3. **Special Rewards for Training**: Reserve your dog's favorite toys and treats exclusively for training purposes. By using these special rewards only during training sessions, you create a strong association between desired behaviors and positive reinforcement. This helps to increase your dog's motivation and engagement during training exercises.

Remember, the key to successful play and training is consistency and patience. Keep sessions short and enjoyable for your dog, and always end on a positive note with plenty of praise and rewards. With dedication and a playful spirit, you and your pup will conquer distractions and achieve success together! 🎾🐶🌟

Please know no matter how severe your dog's distraction issue is, there is always hope. We are here for you email LoveDogs@CourteousCanine.com or call us 813-949-1465 today!