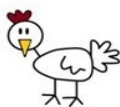


Chicken Scratch Books



Dog Games for Training and Fun!

In *Dog Talk* by LuAnn M. Rod, GT has to take his mom's poodle to dog training classes for the summer. He's not too happy about it, but as the story goes on, he realizes how important his connection with other dogs is. He learns to really talk to them!

In real life, we can't talk with our dogs, but we can help them learn to respond to us. Here are 5 fun games to play with your dog.

Hide and Seek

- Have your dog sit and stay in one room or area.
- Go hide in another place, then call for them.
- When they find you, give them a treat.
- As they get better at the game, hide in places more and more challenging to find.
- When you call, start with a loud voice, then progress to a whisper, or no sound at all.

Find The One

- In a large area, scatter several dog toys.
- Then pick one of the toys and play with it with your dog for a little while.
- Let them get their scent and your scent all over that one toy.
- Then toss that toy out with all the others.
- Tell you dog to "Find the One."
- When he brings you back the right toy, give a treat and play again.



Treat Burrito

- Spread a blanket or towel out flat.
- Place multiple small treats across it.
- Carefully roll it up into a burrito, keeping the treats inside.
- Give the burrito to your dog.
- Watch as he learns to unroll the burrito to find the treats inside.

Muffin Tin Puzzle

- Put a treat into the each pocket of a muffin tin.
- Put tennis balls on top of each pocket to block access.
- Give the tin to your dog.
- Watch as he learns to remove the balls to find the treats.
- As he gets better at it, only put treats in a few of the pockets so he has to work harder to find them.



Stop and Go

- In a large area, have your dog sit and stay on one side.
- Walk to the other side.
- Call you dog, but before he reaches you, have him Stop.
- Reward him with a treat when he does.
- Then call him again, and stop him again.
- As he gets better at Stop and Go, he'll learn impulse control and listening.