

The Humane Society of Boulder Valley DOES recommend the following training tools:

- Food rewards for good behavior (soft, small, yummy treats including Natural Balance food roll, hot dogs, cheese, baby food)
- Favorite dog toys including tennis balls and squeaky toys
- Lots of praise, love and attention for Good behavior
- Treat bags for easy delivery of rewards (and to keep your clothes clean)
- Clickers to communicate exactly which behavior earned your dog the reward
- SENSE-ation™ Harness (or other pain-free no-pull harness) to immediately end on-leash pulling
- Gentle Leader Head Halter™ for additional on-leash control

The Humane Society of Boulder Valley DOES NOT recommend the following training tools:

- Electronic training (shock) collars -- OUCH!
- Metal choke chains or prong (pinch) collars -- OUCH!
- "Dominance" techniques including alpha rolls or scruff shakes - these are dangerous and ineffective for correcting behavior
- Collar corrections (quick, collar jerks) on *any* type of collar
- Use of any physical force including smacking, "kneeing", or stepping on paws

The Humane Society of Boulder Valley Training Center welcomes your training questions and is pleased to offer a wide variety of training classes and private training options to meet your needs. Our training philosophy promotes current, dog-friendly techniques rooted in the scientific principle of positive reinforcement. Our use of pain-free, positive techniques is a highly efficient training method designed to strengthen the relationship between you and your canine companion. Please call 303-442-4030 x368 to set up an appointment or speak with our qualified training staff. We look forward to training with you!