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How to use a flirt pole.

Kennel or owner items kept and use with active working dogs (some especially questionable and frowned upon today – 2019- if you keeping and conditioning APBT working dogs) are not in the least as said to be – but if you own it ... or an been using it ... you will be "stamped and sealed" as an animal abuser and charged for cruelty to animals by "some" ... could make the "authorities" make you out to be a dog fighter – and then you have to prove the opposite - I still love my APBT's.

Let's take look and talk about what is "thought" to be dog fighting paraphernalia and what precisely the items are and then for what precisely these items are used if you are a dogman and keep APBT – then as aids in exercising and conditioning the APBT as working dog and why these "paraphernalia" used does not make you or anyone else a dog fighter.

It's best to gradually work your dog a little more each time, in gradual steps.

The dog will become more efficient at catching the hide, and you will become more proficient at keeping it away from them.

So with this in mind, if this is your first time using the flirt pole please stay away from making your dog jump high, as they could injure themselves if not done properly - work the lure on the ground around you.

The way to use a pole.

Puppies

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GILCgZOYD2E>

First get him excited about it with your voice when you take it out for the dog to play with, dance it around the dog wiggle it, shake it, all the while getting the dog excited with whatever words you use.

When you are in position let the hide touch the ground a little then whip it away from the dog just out of their reach low to the ground, this will help the dog maximize their leverage when the hide suddenly changes position, let the dog charge it as you swing it away from the dog, just as they are ready to catch it, pop it up a little just over the dogs head, and swing it in the opposite direction, also do the same in a figure eight motion.

You can also do a couple of complete circles, but not too many as this will make the dog dizzy.

Jumping & agility is the excursive to concentrate on.

Do this gradually also, start out easy.

Pups will learn to jump and keep their balance eventually, but start them out low as they may land wrong and injure themselves.

Once they show more balance then go little higher, oldest dog use to the lure twist in mid-air then lands on all fours just like you see with those Frisbee dogs, so will most dogs eventually, be patient.

Hang the hide or tease in front of the dog and make the dog lean forward so their balance is right, then when the dog leaps forward move the hide or tease back so the dog jumps forward.

This will teach the dog balance and give them a feel for jumping up and landing on all fours while trying to snatch something out of mid-air, if the dog does catch it praise the dog.

When the dog catch the hide, I let them pull you forward a few yards so they get a good hind end work out, as well as have to breath with their mouth holding on to something, the way a catch dog would try to if he had a hogs ear in their mouth.

Do so without bending pole, but rather hold the pole in a position so the direct tension is on the rope, pole would be horizontal to dogs mouth, with rope taking all the tension while you hold on to the grip.

Shake and hold-if you have a puppy or dog when they catches the hide and shakes it, praise the dog - and encourage the dog to do this more, some dogs are a natural and some can to be taught this, use a command then praise the dog in a excited voice or use a command such as "Shahe it" " action" so they associate a word with the action.

Incorporate it with other exercises.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbIEll3xeF8>

You can tease my dog when walking the dog by hanging the hide or tease right in their face and letting the dog chase the pole around for a while and when the dog catches the hide or tease play the wait game.

Sit there for twenty minutes at a time with the dog holding that hide in their mouth- this is a good sign when a dog is well-worn and still won't let go of that hide or tease, it's a great work out for your dog. This can also be done after hand walking, bicycle sprints, or whatever routine you use.

Never leave your dogs unattended with pole.

Poles are intended for teasing biting & pulling purpose only, and not for lifting of the animal, as this will cause damage to the pole.

When animal catches hide it is suggested to use breaking stick or let it retreat with hide and snatch quickly when they are out of hold. Or do the shake and hold or pulling routine as suggested above. Store pole out of the sun, away from animal when not in use.