

Redirection

Do this - not that

Redirection is just what it sounds like: redirecting your dog's attention from an unacceptable behavior to an acceptable one. When your puppy is chewing on the carpet and you walk over and tell him "no," hopefully the chewing stops. However, given no further instructions, the puppy will probably resume chewing as soon as you walk away. The better method is to REDIRECT the puppy's attention to another activity after you say "no." Often, this is more successful if the puppy is moved to a new location. Be sure to praise and interact with the puppy when he's doing the approved behavior.

AVOID distracting the puppy by shaking a bag of treats, or by using a word that suggests a treat. This risks teaching the puppy that the chewing or other inappropriate behavior results in a reward—the opposite of discouraging the behavior.



STEP 1

Interrupt the unacceptable behavior and REDIRECT the puppy to an acceptable one.

STEP 2

Make sure that no fun games or treats immediately follow the unacceptable behavior.

STEP 3

Reward and interact with the puppy when in a new location (across room for example) and doing an acceptable behavior.

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