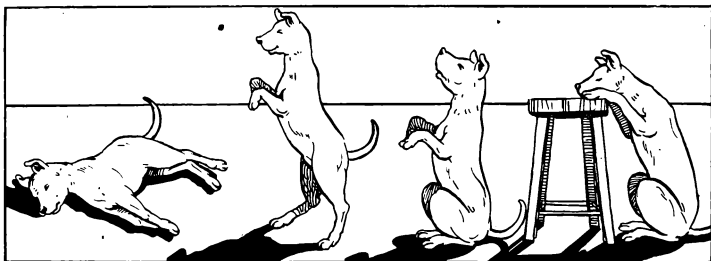


## TEACHING YOUR DOG TO DO TRICKS

*"Lie down."**"Walk"**"Beg"**"Say your prayers."*

TEACHING your dog a few simple trick will make you better acquainted with him, and will increase his intelligence. Remember, however, that at first he will not understand what you wish him to do.

Never whip your dog while you are teaching him. Be patient and keep on trying. As soon as he understands what you want, he will be glad to obey you.

Reward him as soon as he learns to do a trick. Show him by petting him and by kind words that you are pleased. Do not attempt to teach him immediately after he has eaten a meal.

*"Lie Down"*

The first thing to teach a dog is to "lie down." Get him in a corner of the room and place him in a sitting position facing you. Then gently draw out his forelegs, and pressing him on the shoulders say "lie down." Repeat this until he associates the words with the action.

*"Beg"*

Next, teach your dog to "beg." Make him sit down facing you, and hold his haunches. At the same time tap him

under the chin and say "beg." Keep tapping until he rises to the desired position. Repeat until he understands and obeys you each time the command is given. Any simple reward held in the air is a help.

*"Walk"*

After the dog learns to "beg" teach him to "walk." Hold a reward just beyond his reach and move it slowly; at the same time say "up." He will have some difficulty in doing this at first, but after a few lessons will be able to walk around the room. Be sure to reward him each time.

*"Dance"*

After your dog has learned to "walk" you can easily teach him to "dance." Tie a small piece of meat to the end of a long switch and tell him to "walk." You may be sure he will follow the meat. After a few minutes, reward him by giving him the meat and petting him. Next time, use only the switch without the meat, but reward him afterwards just the same. Soon you will not even need the switch—simply command "dance."

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## TEACHING YOUR DOG

*(Continued from page 252)**"Jump the Rope"*

The best way to teach a dog to jump over a rope or through a hoop is as follows: Hang a rope just high enough so that he cannot step over it; place him on one side of the rope and you remain on the other with a piece of meat. Reach over the rope, holding the meat out to him. As he reaches for it, gradually move it away from him, and then suddenly move it over the rope, saying "over." He will want the meat, so he will jump over. After a few lessons you can gradually raise the rope. Later use a hoop.

*"Dead"*

Teaching a dog to play "dead" is merely a matter of obedience, or making him stay in one position until you say "get up."

*"Say Your Prayers"*

Another cute trick to teach your dog is to "say your prayers." Place the dog in a standing position with his forepaws resting on the seat of a chair, and his head between his paws. Stroke his head and repeat the command "say your prayers" until he associates those words with the action. Teach him that he must stay in that position until you say "amen."

## REWARD OF KINDNESS

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give her dear teacher a present just as the other children were doing.

The two little girls divided the handkerchiefs as Nenita suggested, and at that moment a feeling of friendship sprang up between the two.

"Oh, Nenita, you are so good and kind," said little Rosario, and her eyes shone.

That night two mothers learned of the new friendship.

"Mother," said Nenita, "that new little girl, Rosario, is just lovely, and we are good friends already. May I invite her to our home?"

"Yes, indeed," said Nenita's mother.

"Mother," said Rosario, "I think Nenita is the kindest, most unselfish little girl I have ever met, and we are good friends already. May I invite her to visit me?"

"Yes, indeed," said Rosario's mother.

And that night the two little girls thought of each other and were happy.

## ANSWER THESE

1. Did you like this story? Why?
2. If you are kind to a person, what will be your reward perhaps? What is the reward of kindness?

## GOOD TEETH

*(Continued from page 245)*

Unless the pyorrhea sufferer *immediately* goes to the dentist for treatment, the infection continues, and the soft bone surrounding the teeth is rapidly dissolved. The attachment to the teeth of the soft gum tissues is destroyed. In severe cases of pyorrhea the teeth become loose and are finally lost.

If a person has pyorrhea, it is very necessary to have treatment from a dentist. No medicine has ever been found which will cure pyorrhea. The only known remedy is removing all irritating substances, the polishing of the exposed surface by a dentist, and afterward the proper use of a tooth-brush and tooth-paste to keep the teeth and gums in a healthy condition. Any one who has a tendency to have pyorrhea should visit the dentist three or four times a year.

*A Rule for Good Teeth*

Remember this rule if you wish to have good teeth: Brush your teeth twice each day, and see your dentist twice each year. By observing this rule you will have good teeth all your life, and will not have any of the aches caused by decayed teeth.