

LEARNING GOALS

This is a comprehensive course in the basics of cat training - from the basics of how cats learn and communicate to practical application and problem solving.

Upon completing the course, you will be able to:

1. Understand the basics of the clicker training process
2. Understand why clicker training works better and faster than punishment-based methods
3. Hold and use your clicker properly
4. Deliver food treats neatly and quickly
5. Accurately observe your cat's behavior
6. Choose appropriate food reinforcers
7. Identify key foundation training skills for cats and people
8. Identify, describe, and practice three techniques of getting behavior started: capturing, targeting, and shaping
9. Break down behavior into small, achievable pieces
10. Identify simple steps to ensure that you set your learner up for success
11. Observe and interpret feline body language
12. Consider the emotional state of a cat
13. Meet the enrichment needs of your cat
14. Add cues to behaviors you teach
15. Develop solutions to address more complicated cat behavior
16. Identify many undesirable behaviors as normal cat behaviors and discover why your cat may display them
17. Understand how training can help build a relationship with a shy cat
18. Form a plan to introduce a cat to body handling
19. Understand the different reasons for house soiling behavior and treatment options
20. Understand sensible, clicker-training approaches to replace undesired behaviors with pleasant alternatives