

Teach Your Dog to Play

Helpful tips to teach your dog to enjoy playing.

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Pain and stiffness can hamper playfulness, so if your dog isn't playing as much as usual, schedule a visit to the veterinarian. Make sure you really are enjoying the play yourself. If you are just going through the motions, your dog will know. Add treats. Good-smelling tidbits can get your dog interested in fetch or tug objects. For a small or medium-sized dog, get down on her level. Being on your hands and knees can make your motions look less threatening and more like play.