

Training Games for the Boxer Puppy

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Playing GamesPuppy games are a great way to entertain your puppy and yourself, while subliminally teaching lessons in the course of having fun. Start with a game plan and a pocketful of tasty dog treats. Keep your games short so you don't push his attention span beyond normal Boxer puppy limits.

Puppy Catch-Me This one helps teach the come command. With two people sitting on the floor about 10 or 15 feet apart, one person holds and pets the pup while the other calls him "Puppy, puppy, Come!" in a happy voice. When pup comes running to you, lavish him with big hugs and give a tasty treat. Repeat back and forth several timesdont overdo it. You can add a ball or one of his favorite toys and toss it back and forth for puppy to retrieve. When he picks it up, praise and hug some more, give him a goodie to release the toy, then toss it back to person number two. Repeat as before. **Hide and Seek** This is another game that teaches "Come." Play this game outdoors in your yard or other enclosed safe area. When the pup is distracted, hide behind a tree. Peek out to see when he discovers you are gone and comes running back to find you (trust me, he will do that). As soon as he gets close, come out, squat down with arms outstretched and call him: "Puppy, Come!" This is also an excellent bonding aid and teaches puppy to depend on you.**Where's Your Toy?**Start by placing one of your puppys favorite toys in plain sight. Ask him "Where's your toy?" and let him take it. Then place your puppy safely outside the room and place the toy where only part of it shows. Bring him back and ask the same question. Praise highly when he finds it. Repeat several times. Finally, conceal the toy completely and let the puppy sniff it out. Trust his nosehe will find his toy. Puppies love to have fun with their people. Giving them interactive games is the best way to train them. Games are excellent teaching aids and one of the best ways to say I love you to your puppy.

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