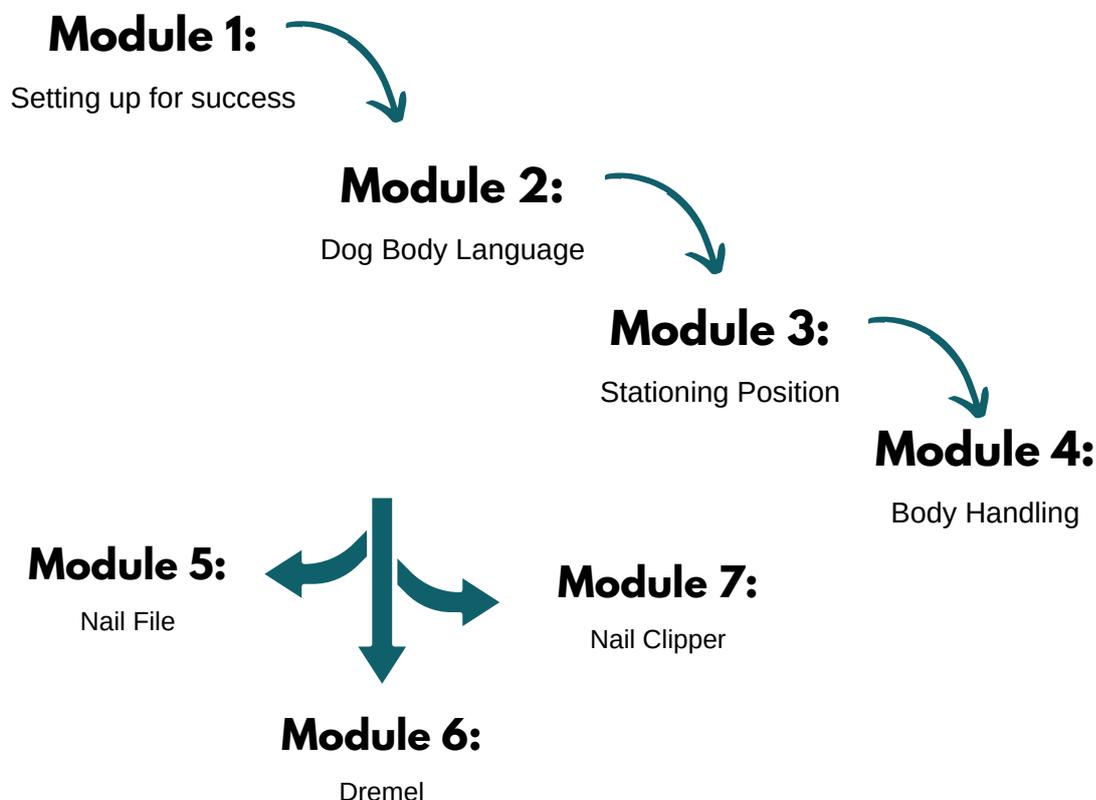


# SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

- ▶ Do each step 10 times or until a positive association was made.
- ▶ Keep the training sessions short (2-5 minutes) and take lots of breaks.
- ▶ Have your training plans handy to follow along.



## Reading body language

is essential, as it will help you determine when you should move to the next step. Learn to read your dog's body language to ensure they are comfortable.



## Treat prep

- Use high value food rewards. Audition to determine your dog's favourite.
- Cut into bite size piece (size of your finger nail or smaller)
- Prepare ziplock bags in advance and store them in the freezer.



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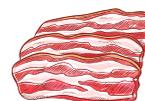
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## Which tools to use?

Nail file:

- Novel and less invasive. No risk of hitting the vein.

Dremel:

- Novel and less invasive. No risk of hitting the vein.
- **But**, it makes noise and vibrating sensation on the nail.

Nail Clipper

- Quicker to maintain nails.
- **But!** Scary experiences for most dogs, can pinch the nail, risk of hitting the vein.

We strongly suggest to start with the nail file to get your dog comfortable with nail care. Then move on to another tool as needed.

## Creating positive associations

- Allowing them the choice to participate or say "no thank you".
- Have scary stuff predict fun stuff!

The nail clipper needs to be **first** in order to predict cheese.

If the other way around, it can be a distraction. Dog might be paying attention to the food and then realizes the nail clipper is there. Which has no predictor effect!



Cheese is coming!

### Examples:

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Take out the tool | 1. Touch their paw   |
| 2. Then give a treat | 2. Then give a treat |

### Signs of a positive association

- Wagging their tail
- Ears perk up
- Look at your hand
- Look towards your treat pouch

Your dog does not need to be overly excited or enthusiastic.

Any of these signs are enough and let you know you're ready for the next step.

