



# THE NAUGHTY DOG

## Hack

## WHEN to use it and How it works!

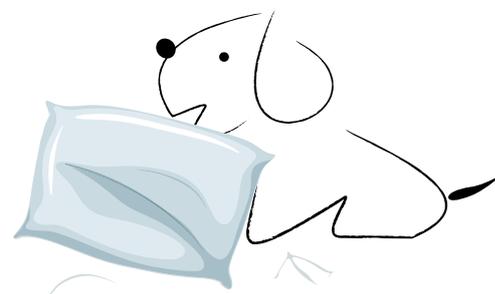
For the vast majority of dogs and puppies, it is **FUN to be naughty!** Provocative behavior is a normal behavior in social animals, particularly juveniles. It is also a very effective way to get attention from other social members, as they quickly discover that a game of tag can begin following the “theft” of an object or the engagement in other “naughty” behaviors (and maybe even get a treat for trading their treasured goody!).

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**The social interaction alone and the excitement of being “mischievous” can be very satisfying.**”

## HOW to use it

You use the **Naughty Dog Hack** to provide an outlet for their naughty desires that may manifest in “*problem*” behaviors by taking the bait when your dog is being appropriately naughty.

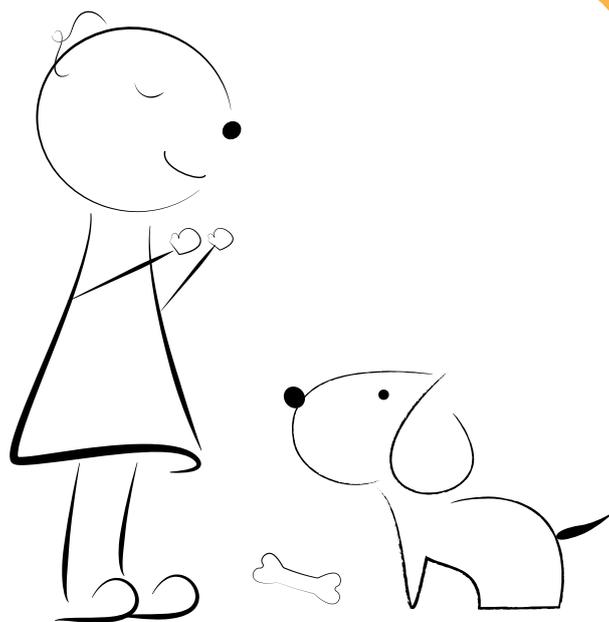
For example, when your dog picks up one of their own toys, you might feign as if they have an “*unacceptable*” prize and **ask them “what they have found” and pretend you want it** by chasing them / trying to get it from them. This “*managed mischief*” elicits the response some dogs may be seeking with other undesirable behaviors and can facilitate healthy social dynamics between people and their dogs. **Be creative** and look out for your dog’s own ideas about what kind of naughtiness is fun! This hack can be used to “*catch*” a **dog being appropriately naughty** in all kinds of circumstances.



Notice your dog when he is engaging with, or about to engage with, a “naughty” object or activity

In a light-hearted, sarcastic and teasing manner, look directly at the dog and ask him “what he’s got there”. Be flirty and fun, and slightly antagonizing, reading the dog’s body language for cues about his comfort and enjoyment level with your own body demeanor.

Pretend like you really want the toy/object. Act like you are trying to make a grab for it. Chase your dog in a playful manner. Pretend you actually want what they have. Be playful, sarcastic and fake upset/indignant. Also pretend to give up so that your dog can re-engage you in the game.



YouTube Link <https://youtube.com/shorts/TdUIDTotyGE?feature=share>

## Equipment

Acceptable objects and activities to be identified as the “naughty bait” (i.e. dog toys)

