



# Tales from the Trails at Dunrovin

## CLICKER TRAINING WITH MACKENZIE

I have been a professional trainer for 15 years, specializing in the science of behavior. Specifically, I use operant conditioning, also known as clicker training, to work with animals. I tend to work mostly with those that have been through traumatic experiences.



You might ask yourself why I use clicker training over other methods. Well, you might be surprised to know I started out using traditional methods like the kind you might see elsewhere. I was taught as kid to roll dogs on their backs and hold them down when they growled, to choke them when they pulled, and throw rocks at horses when they didn't come to me. And even worse things than that. But as I progressed in my interest in training, I chose to make the switch to all positive reinforcement training, and for good reasons.

So, why do I do clicker training? I had a long road to positive reinforcement and along the way there I did many things to my dog friends that I came to regret in the name of training them. My hope is to help save people making the mistakes I have, so that one day no pets get choked, frightened, and intimidated as part of being our companions and in payment for all the joy they bring into our homes.



