

# HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR LIVE ONLINE LESSON

## **LESSON SPACE**

- Choose a less busy area or room
- Be able to take a few steps with your pet (or include props and/or platform)
- Temporarily move furniture to the side if necessary

# **LIGHTING**

- Natural light (best) or table lamp behind camera
- Close shades/blinds/curtains in camera view

# **CAMERA VIEW**

- Place and angle your video camera for the largest/widest view to include you and your pet allowing for a few steps when training
- Test prior to first lesson
- Use visual markers to identify training space in camera view for easy reference while working with your pet

## HELP YOUR PET BE MORE COMFORTABLE

- If this is a new room for your pet, supervise exploration include treats and toys
- A few days prior to your session, start working on creating a positive association in this area by offering your pet 5-8 small treats one after the other
- The next day, repeat with laptop, tablet or phone set up as it would be during the lesson
- In the remaining days leading up to your session, repeat with video playing so your pet acclimates to noises coming from your device

## **LESSON TIME**

- Gather treats, treat pouch, clicker and any additional supplies/props needed for training
- Have paper and pen available for notetaking
- Water available for your pet
- Litter available for cats and small pets, elimination opportunity for dogs prior to session
- Notify family so they can participate or avoid interruptions
- Secure non-participating pets out of the room if they are not involved (otherwise they will show up and want in on the action)
- Set up laptop/tablet/phone and log into Zoom, test webcam and audio
- Close any open programs or windows on your device that are unrelated to Zoom
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