

OPERANT + CLASSICAL

Operant and **Classical Conditioning** are both natural phenomena like **Gravity**. They are happening all the time whether we recognize them or not. In training a dog, we can't escape either of these processes.

Behavior issue:

DOG: **barks/lunges** at other dogs while on leash



HUMAN: feeds dog when another dog shows up
(Counter Conditioning)

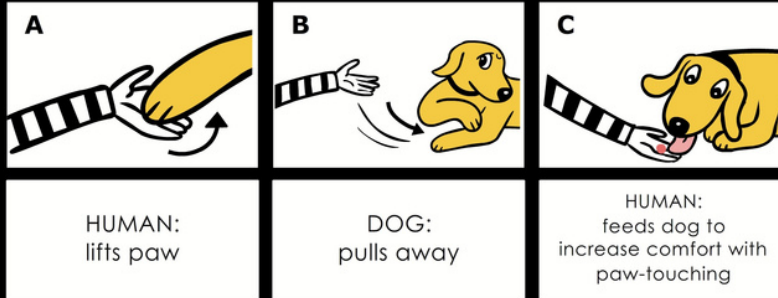
After Counter Conditioning:



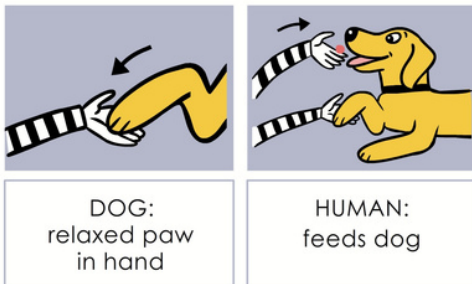
DOG: learns both to **relax** (respondent) and
to turn to the human to eat (operant)

Both **feelings** (respondent behaviors) and **actions** (operant behaviors) are learned!

What Can Go Wrong:



The dog might be learning to **pull his paw away** to get the food, because Operant Conditioning is always at play!



Be sure that you strategically feed while their **paw is relaxed in your hand** and you will have a much better result.

Pay attention to what **operant behaviors** are being learned when we focus on **respondent processes**.
And vice versa!