HUMANE ANIMAL PARTNERS
DELAWARE

Training & Managing Behavior

DOGS

Barking uncontrollably

Teach the "quiet" command with a favorite treat.

Pulling on the leash

Hold a treat by your side while walking to keep dog's attention on the treat. Other options are a harness or leader collar.

Reactive dog

Teach the "leave it" command with different treats. Give a dog a treat when it acknowledges another animal and does not react.

Chewing items they shouldn't

Replace items that shouldn't be chewed with an item that can be chewed. Do not discourage chewing.

Jumping up

Do not give them attention when they jump up. Once they stop jumping give them a treat. Teach them to sit and give them attention/treat only if they do not jump.

Digging

Teach the "leave it" command with different treats, or give them other toys / activities outside if they are bored. i.e play fetch.

CATS

Boycotting litter box

Get a larger box, regularly clean and fill the litter box, consider unscented litter, place the box in your cat's preferred location.

Excessive meowing & yowling

Provide toys, ensure they have a comfortable and relaxing environment.

Destructive scratching

Provide different types of scratching posts, spray catnip on scratching posts, use repellent on surfaces you do not want scratched, clip nails frequently.

Urine spraying and marking

Provide more litter boxes. Neutering or spaying your cat will reduce markings related to breeding. Provide multiple perching areas, play with them, consult a vet if it persists.

Aggression

Train your cat to repeat good behavior; avoid doing things to trigger them; do not punish them.