



Gradual Introduction of Buster Food Cube Dog Toy

The Buster Food Cube for dogs doesn't have an adjustable difficulty, but it CAN be introduced at an easier level for beginners. The cube isn't hollow, it has dividers inside it and the inner shaft of the toy prevents food coming out too easily – there's 2 openings in the shaft and the food has to pass through one of these. This makes the meal last longer for a more experienced pet, but you don't want your pup getting frustrated early on!

You can first give your dog the toy with the shaft removed. Food will fall out much more easily through the large opening left. Fill the toy with food and some strong-smelling treats, then place it so that the opening is actually down to the ground. Then pop a few treats underneath one corner or side of the cube in a way that props the edge up a little. You can also sprinkle some food around the toy then let your pooch at it!

Your dog will come up and eat all the food from around the toy, associating the Food Cube with tasty snacks. They'll then smell the food inside and under the cube, they'll nose at it, tipping the cube onto its' side. This will reveal a big pile of food that has just fallen out of the cube – your pet has just WON at this toy! By doing this a couple of times, they'll learn that the action of turning the cube gets them a reward.

You may want to see what they do from here, let them eat the food then come back to the cube, nosing at it, turning it and hopefully getting rewarded again soon. If they don't succeed after a little bit of play, help them. If they're losing interest, repeat the first step again.

You will normally only need to do this a few times before they catch on and go for it! Let them 'win' a few times at the toy before putting the shaft back into the cube. Please note that the Food Cube isn't designed for use without the shaft inside and your dog may be able to pick it up with their teeth while it's like this. Always supervise your pet when introducing a toy in this way.

With the shaft in the toy, as originally designed, it is safe to be left without supervision for most dogs.



An inside view of the compartment sections inside the food cube.