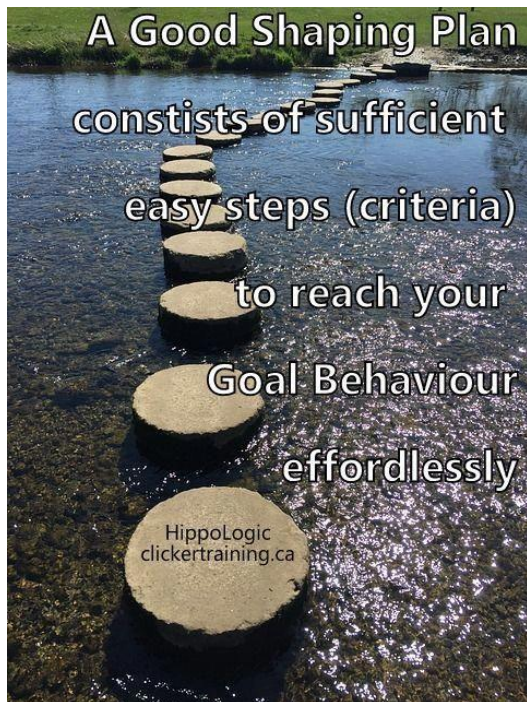




The Evolving Equestrian
Evolve Challenge
For Starters Lesson 3

-Shaping

Shaping is a procedure that involves reinforcing behaviors that are closer to the target behavior, also known as successive approximations.



Shaping Plan

1. Set a clear goal.
2. Set the criteria.
3. Decide on a signal (cue) to the behavior.
4. Break it into small, manageable steps.
5. Plan the motivation.

Capturing –

Capturing behavior is the process of rewarding a complete, desired behavior, that is usually offered on its own, meaning no shaping or luring required.

Luring -

Luring involves using a primary reinforcer to lure the animal into the behavior.

Targeting -

Targeting is when you teach an animal to touch a body part to a particular object.



-Primary Reinforcers

Primary reinforcers are things that are biologically significant to the horse. They do not have to be learned, they are naturally reinforcing.

Examples:

- Food
- Water
- Air
- Sleep/Rest
- Sex

-Secondary Reinforcers

Secondary reinforcers are not naturally reinforcing, they become reinforcing through their association with a primary reinforcer.

Examples:

- Bridge Signal
- Target
- Behaviors with strong reinforcement history



