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Beyond Fetch: 3 Fun Games to Play With Your Dog

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While a round of fetch may be a tried and true classic, it can become a bit of the same-old, same-old.

Whether your arm gets sore from the never-ending cycle of pitches, or your pup

attempts to retrieve a hopping frog instead of the ball, the game of fetch can get boring for the both of you. To switch things up and go beyond the old, reliable backyard game, Annie Angell, CPDT-KA and co-owner of [My Two Dogs Inc](#), suggests giving these three games a go instead.



Sit Stay Lei

Equipment: A stopwatch, about 30-40 leis and cones (or something to represent boundary for the dog).

Game: Set cones up in a square and have your dog stay within the square. Ask him to sit and then start placing leis over his head while

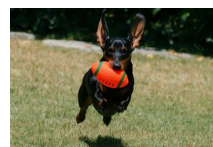
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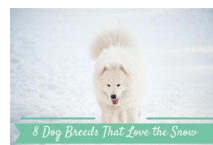
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he stays in a sit position. Once three paws leave the designated area, the game is over, but if he lasts until the time runs out, total up the leis. Each lei is worth one point. "This game practices your dogs' ability to stay while you distract him -- as well as providing a really cute picture when you're done!"

If your dog doesn't want the leis over the head, place the leis on a cone while the dog stays in the designated area.

Length of game: 30 seconds.

Base-pup

Game can be played either individually or as a team, depending on how many dogs there are.

Equipment: A stop watch and 4 pillows to represent the bases.

Game: Set up pillows a few feet apart to represent 1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base and home plate.

If you play as an individual; give 30 seconds on the clock. The goal is to move the dog to 1st base and have him sit, move to 2nd base and have him lay down, move to 3rd base and sit again. Once he crosses home base, the dog earns a "run." Keep going until you run out of time. Angell suggests this game because, "Playing together will not only help practice training behaviors, but also give you and your dog some exercise."

If this game is played in teams put 45 seconds on the clock. The first handler takes their dog to 1st base and has them sit, when they move to 2nd base the next dog goes to 1st base and it continues until they run out of time.

Length of game: 30 or 45 seconds.

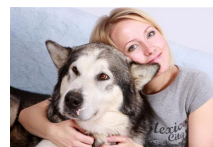
Which One?

If you don't want to use too much energy or don't have a ton of time, Angell suggests looking into a new trick to teach your pet, "Tricks help your dog learn something new and fun that can impress friends and family."

Equipment: A treat or small toy that can fit into your hand.

Trick: Put a treat in one hand, show your dog and close both of your hands in front of your dog, making two fists. Ask your dog, "Which

the Snow



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one?" and wait until your dog uses his paw to hit the hand with the treat, when he does, tell him he's a good boy and reward him with his findings. Once he gets the trick, show him the treat and pass it between both hands and then task him with figuring out which hand holds the spoils.

Length of trick: For as long or short as you would like to play.

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