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**From:** Aidan, Positive Petzine [editor@positivepetzine.com]  
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**To:** Kelly Krager  
**Subject:** [positivepetzine] Is Sophie reliable? How reliable?

Hi Kelly and Sophie, I've put part 2 of my series on training **reliable** behaviors up for you [here](#).

I must warn you, parts of these articles are a bit technical - but fear not! As always, I aim to make difficult topics easy to understand, but if you've read [The Positive Petzine Collection](#) I have to say it will be a lot easier to understand parts of these articles - and they really do show you the simple things you need to do to train **strong, reliable behaviors**.

Reliability is not always important. I don't really care if my dogs always perform tricks when I ask, or even 'sit' smartly in every situation. I DO care if they don't come when called though! One day it might matter a lot to me, like if I see a snake on the track ahead, or if I accidentally drop the leash near a busy road.

If your dog ever **ignores you**, that's really a reliability issue. Dogs **never** really ignore you, despite what it may seem like or despite what anyone has told you. There are a thousand reasons why a dog might not perform a command, and I discuss some of those reasons (and how to solve them) [in this article](#).

In case you didn't know, I'm in Tasmania, Australia. You know, where Tasmanian Devils come from? That's why I sometimes put Us in words like behavioUr, favoUr, coloUr etc Anyway, the Australian Dollar has weakened temporarily. I don't know how long for, but it works in my favour and yours if you are outside Australia.

So what I've done is dropped the price on [The Positive Petzine Collection](#) for a short time - until the Australian Dollar gets stronger or I need to buy more dog food. Whichever comes first.

So if you act now, you can save USD \$3 on [The Positive Petzine Collection](#).

While I'm on the topic of exchange rates, please note that if you pay via credit card I will have to process the payment in Australian funds. That is why your credit card docket sometimes shows a higher number. What I do is take the US dollar price, deduct 2.5% for any currency conversion fees your card company will charge, then apply the daily exchange rate and round down in your favour (favor?). Does that sound fair?

You can order [The Positive Petzine Collection here](#).

Until next time...

Regards,  
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