

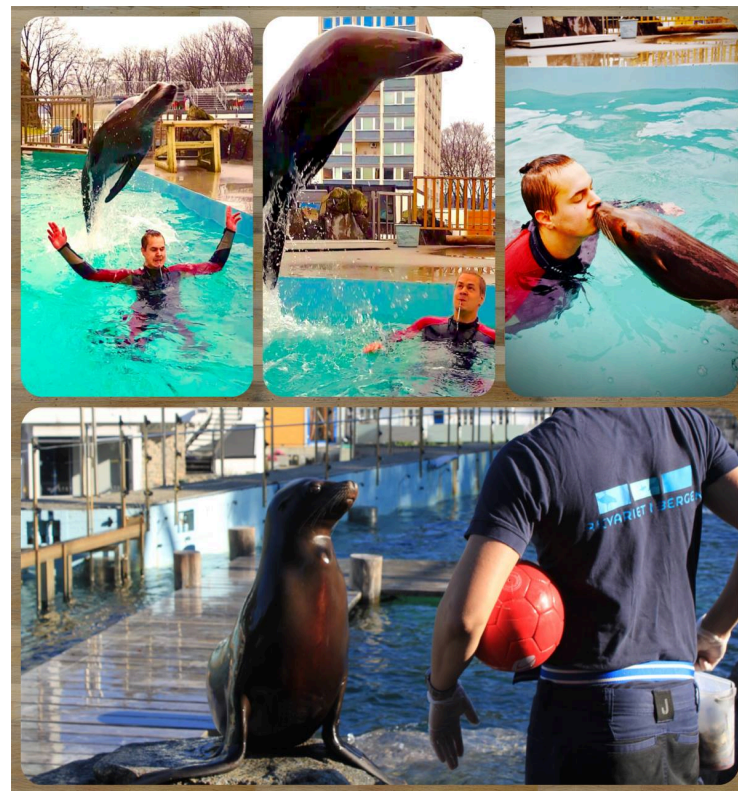
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TRAINING ANIMALS TO
CO-OPERATE FOR VETERINARY
PROCEDURES



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ARE DOGS INTELLIGENT?

- What are we doing with our dogs today?
 - Sports
 - Agility
 - Obedience
 - Frisbee
 - Etc,
 - Service
 - Search and rescue
 - Explosives
 - Narcotics
 - Hunting
 - Medical detection dogs

And so on, and so on..!

Put on harness?
Trimming a nail?
Veterinary visit?



CO-OPERATIV MEDICAL TRAINING

- Why should we?
 - Reduces stress (Harbour Porpoise)
 - Strengthens the bond between animal and trainer
 - Increases animal welfare
 - Saves time in the long run
 - Gives the animal control and information

HOW CONTROL IS AFFECTING THE PERCEPTION OF AN AVERSIVE EVENT?

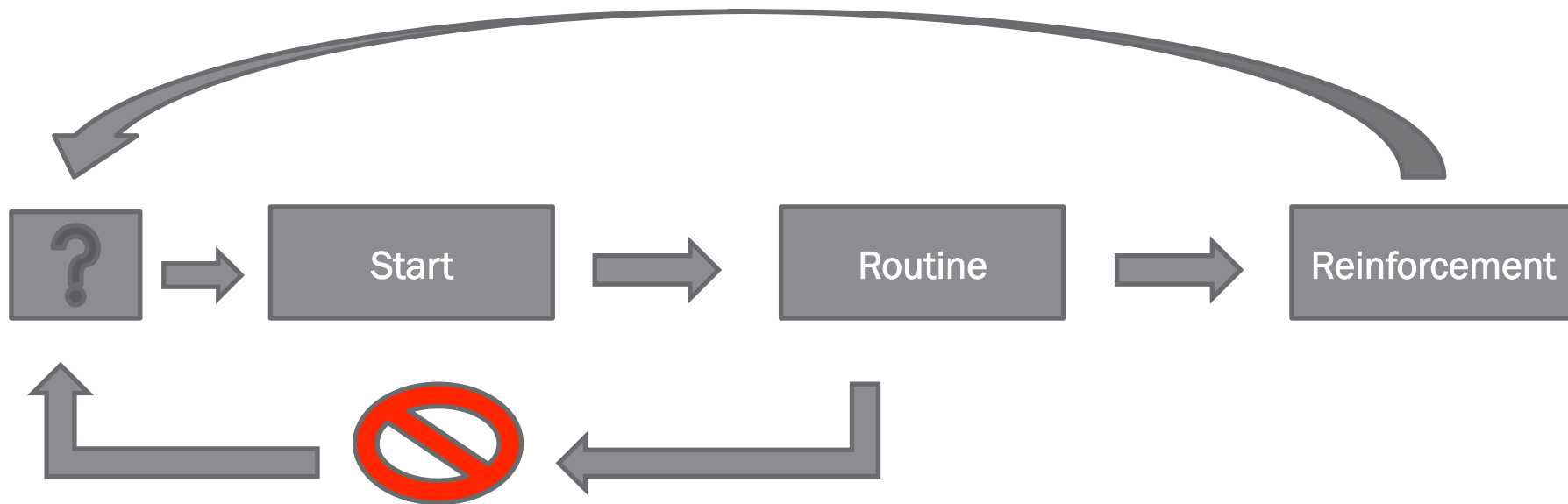


- Different types of control that are relevant
 - Behavioural control
 - Cognitive control
 - Information
 - Procedural and sensory
- Phases of an aversive event
 - Anticipatory phase
 - Impact
 - Short-term post event
 - Long-term post event





THE SYSTEM





HOW TO START?

- **Know your animal!**
 - Marine mammals, monkeys, Rodents, cats?
- **Build motivation for the «foundation» behaviour**
 - Steppes in a stair – Start at the simplest step
- **Prolong time**
- **Add distractions**
 - Not aversives!



DISTRACTIONS

- Start off easy.
- Don't stop when the animal looks at it
- Reinforce when the animal «Choose» to continue
- Systematically one distraction at the time

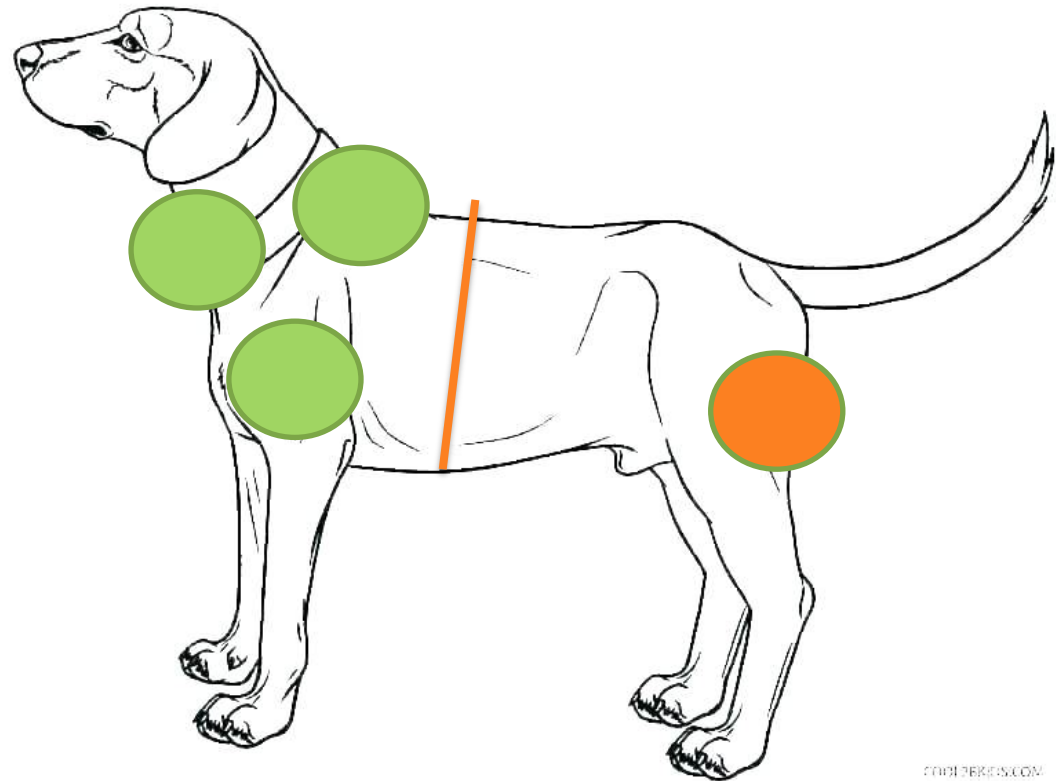
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DISTRACTIONS VS. AVERSIVES

- Distractions =
Something that catches the animals interest
- Aversives =
Something the animal wants to escape/avoid



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FURTHER TRAINING?

- Know your animal!
- Build motivation for the «foundation» behaviour
- Prolong time
- Add distractions

- Establish the start signal behaviour and chain it to the foundation and distractions

- Then start working «into the no-go zone»
 - Look for avoidant behaviour
 - Analyze triggers



DIFFERENT «START BUTTONS»





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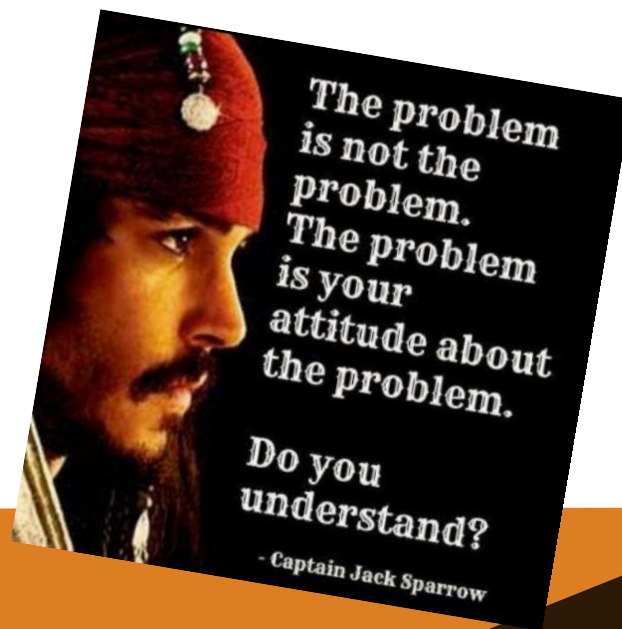
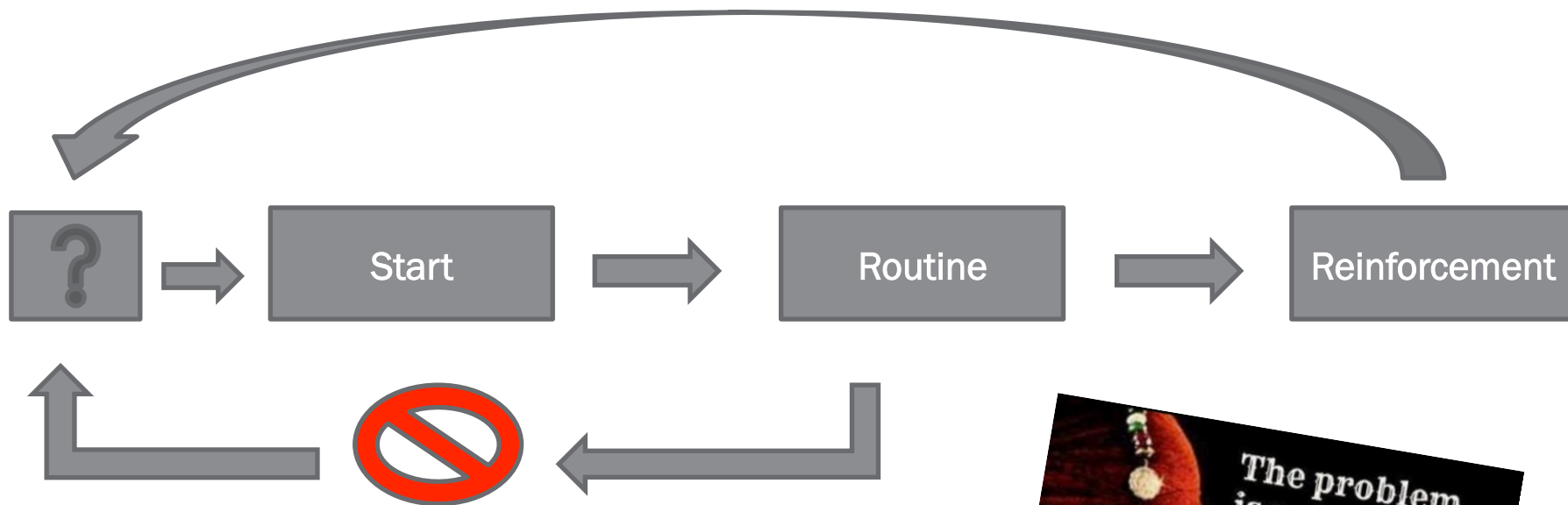


WHY DOES «UTCHI» STOP?





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THANK YOU

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