

# The 4 Quadrants of Operant Conditioning

## AKA How Dogs Learn

### Positive Reinforcement

R+

*ADD something good*

Ex: The dog gets a treat for sitting

### Negative Reinforcement

R-

*SUBTRACT something bad*

Ex: The dog sits to turn off leash pressure

### Positive Punishment

P+

*ADD something bad*

Ex: The dog gets squirted with water when she barks

### Negative Punishment

P-

*SUBTRACT something good*

Ex: The owner stops petting the dog when she jumps

Positive does not mean “good”, it means the addition of something.



Negative does not mean “bad”, it means the removal of something.