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**bob-a-lot**





Congratulations on choosing the Bob-A-Lot from StarMark! The Bob-A-Lot is an innovative interactive toy developed by the certified training and behavior specialists at Triple Crown Dog Academy.

## About Interactive Toys

The Bob-A-Lot was developed with your dog's needs in mind. Made of a highly durable polymer, it holds up to all kinds of play. The unique design includes a weighted bottom that wobbles erratically, enticing your dog to play. Most importantly, it can hold up to three cups of food and is the perfect alternative to feeding your dog out of a bowl! This not only promotes mental stimulation, it also prevents your dog from eating too quickly. The adjustable opening fits a wide variety of dry foods and treats and offers multiple difficulty levels for your dog.

Why does your dog need interactive toys? The root of many behavior problems in our canine friends is boredom. While human pack members tend to their daily routines, many dogs must spend their days at home alone with little to pass the time or release energy. This often results in displaying of frustration or boredom behaviors, like chewing items around the home, digging up the yard, or excessive barking. All of these nuisance behaviors can be stopped or prevented entirely by simply providing something to stimulate and entertain your dog when you are unable.

## Filling the Bob-A-Lot

<b>Step 1:</b> Unscrew yellow top in a counter-clockwise motion.	<b>Step 2:</b> Adjust yellow slide to desired position. <i>(This regulates how the food moves from the top to the bottom chamber. If you prefer to fill the whole bottom chamber at once, adjust the slide to the fully open position and filter food in.)</i>
 A person's hands are shown unscrewing the yellow top of the Bob-A-Lot toy. The toy is green and purple. A small packet of dog food is visible on the table next to it.	 A person's hands are shown adjusting the yellow slide on the Bob-A-Lot toy. The toy is green and purple. The yellow slide is being moved to a specific position.

**Step 3:** Add treats or food into the top chamber.  
*Or fill bottom chamber.*



**Step 4:** Replace the yellow top using a clockwise motion.



**Step 5:** Adjust purple slide at the bottom of the Bob-A-Lot to the desired open position. We recommend fully opening this slide the first few times your dog plays with it so he learns that food comes out from this spot.



**Step 6:** Play!



### Using the Bob-A-Lot for Meal Time

Wild dogs must hunt and capture their food, an activity that consumes much of their time each day. Most of our domestic friends, however, have their meals brought to them in a bowl and take only moments to devour it entirely. An easy way to extend meal time (and prevent your dog from eating too quickly) is to forgo the food bowl and let your dog forage like his wild cousins. The Bob-A-Lot enables you to do just that by filling it with your dog's meal portion and letting him go forth with the hunt.

Puppies quickly become accustomed to eating in this manner, but adult dogs may take slightly longer to get used to the new eating habit after being fed from a bowl. The result of feeding your dog from the Bob-A-Lot is a dog that is mentally stimulated and expending energy while eating.

*Note: If you are concerned with the amount of treats your dog receives in a day, fill the Bob-A-Lot only with his meal portions and reserve treats for only special occasions.*