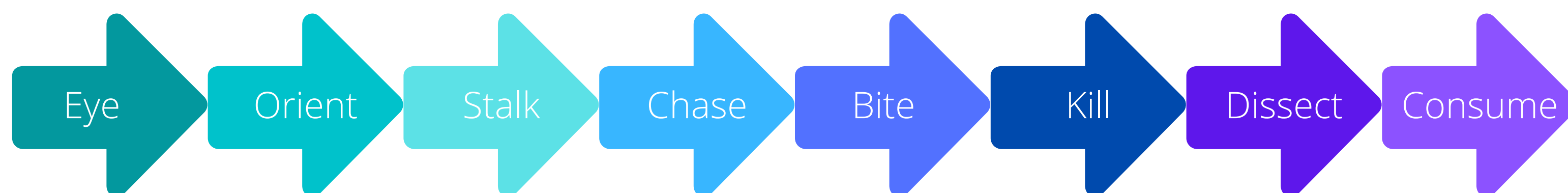


Reward & Experiences

Predatory Sequence



Your dog will exhibit a preference for reinforcement somewhere along this sequence. It is built into every dog. We just have to figure out how to harness it to our advantage.

Our learner (our dog) chooses what is reinforcing.
This can change at any time.

A high probability behavior will reinforce a low probability behavior (Premack Principle)

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The quality of the next behavior tells you how your dog felt about the reinforcement value of the previous behavior.

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The ratio between effort exerted has to balance with the payoff received. Some behaviors are more expensive than others in your dog's mind.

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Seeking versus Avoiding

When one system of reinforcement is active the other is not.

When the Seeking system is on, the dog experiences pleasure.

When the Avoiding system is on, the dog is trying to escape discomfort

..... ***We want the Seeking system on.***

Transform seeking the *environment* for fun into seeking *us* out for fun.

Transform avoiding the environment into seeking us out for safety.

Transform the dog trying to avoid our control and rules into playing games with us.