

## Go beyond a simple fetch



## Learn new commands. Get better results.

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**Dog tired of hunting through pages of often irrelevant Google search results? What can you do when you've searched every keyword imaginable? Try these advanced search strategies!**

***Want to limit your search results to only educational or governmental sites?***

***Interested in finding information from a specific URL?*** Use the **site:** limiter after your search terms. *Tip: Don't add a space after it.*

**flea prevention site:.edu**

**K-9 corps history site:.gov, .mil**

**rabies survival site:scientificamerican.com**

*Tip: Don't put a space between **site:** and the URL.*

***Not sure how to spell a word? Want to search multiple endings?*** Add an asterisk at the end. *Tip: Avoid truncating three-letter words. There are too many possible endings. For example, a search for dog car\* will find sites about carsick dogs and dog cartoons, carts, etc.*

**weim\*** finds the spelling of Weimaraner

**dog groom\*** retrieves groom, grooms, grooming, groomer, groomers, groomer's

***Searching for an exact phrase? Don't want your search terms separated in your results?*** Add double quotes to lock it up.

**"canine influenza vaccine"**

***Want to eliminate unwanted search terms from your results?*** Put a minus symbol before the word you don't want to see in your results.

**"leash laws" arizona -ferret**

***Want Google to include synonyms for your search terms?*** Add a tilde (~) before a search term.

**~facts "dog bites"** also will retrieve pages with **information** and **statistics** about dog bites

**~help "dog training"** finds **guides, tutorials, FAQs, and manuals**

***Found a great site and want to find more like it?*** Try a **related:** search.

**related:adoptapet.com**



**Interested in limiting your results to PDFs, PowerPoint presentations, or other document types?** Add the **filetype:** command.

**dogs "sales trends" filetype:pptx**

*Tip: A list of file extensions is at [file-extensions.org](http://file-extensions.org).*

**Want to increase the relevance of your searches?** Use the **allintitle:** limiter to specify that your search terms appear in the title of the web page. Compare these results as of 4/2019:

**rabies vaccine** retrieves 10,500,000 results

**allintitle:rabies vaccine** = 31,100 results

Supercharge your search using several advanced search strategies to increase the relevance of your results:

**allintitle:rabies vaccine site:cdc.gov**

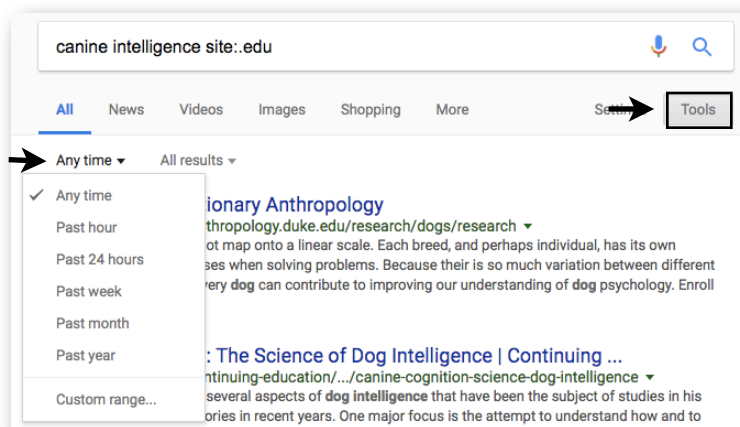
Now you have only 64 results to review, all from the Centers for Disease Control.

**Ever had search terms appear paragraphs apart in your results? Do you want your search terms appear within a certain number of words of each other?** Use the **AROUND** (in caps) command followed by the number of words Google can search around your terms. This is called *proximity searching*. *Tip: Use all caps when entering commands such as AROUND, AND, NOT, OR, etc. This tells Google to ignore the words as search terms.*

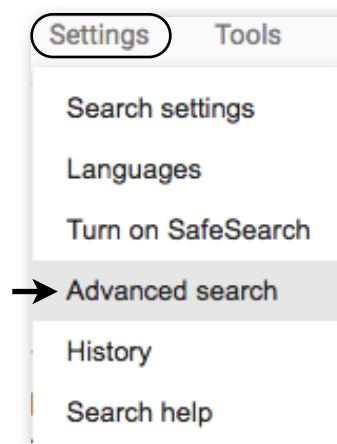
**"dog training" AROUND(4) rewards**

**Want to eliminate older pages and view pages that have been updated recently?** Click on **Tools** under your search terms. Pull down the **Any time** menu to limit your search to

pages posted or updated in the past hour, 24 hours, week, month, year, or a custom range.



**Try Google's advanced search feature.** Run a search. Click on **Settings**, located under the search box and select **Advanced search**. It offers ways to focus a search.



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