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ained from a midwestern pet store,
a 11x7x5” home cage consisting of a rectangular
and they drank water from a bottle. Their
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ials

, a $15 \times 10 \frac{7}{8}$ " metal back, two $9 \frac{7}{8} \times 10$
to receive oxygen while in the Chamber.
platform that was constructed over a $5 \frac{3}{4} \times 2$
The bar consisted of a $5 \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$ " metal
 $\frac{1}{16}$ " metal sides. the hole it
and Procedure

target behavior was to press the pressing bar in the
spond to the Dipper Bar as a reward of water.
rance of the bar itself as water, and be drawn
the water from a small water dish, was raised for

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ditioned to execute a bar press for a

bar Presses

Deprivation to

it has been

warding of a subject only when a desired

or using positive reinforcement, Knatinka

ss called continuous reinforcement following a

eliminate maladaptive behavior was

1977). There are ways progress can be

creasingly specific behavior to be rewarded. This

reward system is that there is always a payoff for

likely to be repeated" (Dodson, 1977). These

conclusion. These results reveal that humans would probably

perform general tasks better with a positive reward system rather than with a negative reward system.