

A TRAINER BY NAME

I'm the keeper of toys
with the keys to the locks
where the squeakers are kept
in a stout wooden box.

I'm the keeper of treats
that are covered up tight
in a glazed cookie jar
that is closed day and night.

I'm the keeper of rules
which are clearly revealed
in a case full of books
that is always unsealed.

You will not be surprised
I'm a trainer by name,
but perhaps you should ask
how I fashion the game.

Without toys and no treats
it's not very much fun.
They all know about me,
but are you also one?

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