

If he does not do this, go back to the previous stage.

Once he has achieved touching the back of your hand, throw the treat and put the back of your hand out while slightly walking away so that he has to follow you and touch your hand. Repeat this 10 times.

You can teach your dog all sorts of things by using the clicker. Just remember you should not over do it or tire him out as he may become frustrated and refuse to perform any of the things already taught.

Ensure you take lots of breaks (especially with pups) and always end on a good note to make it more interesting for the next time.



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CLICKER TRAINING



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Put a handful of treats or biscuits on the floor and as your dog eats them click the clicker. Do this three times.

On the fourth attempt keep a few treats back and when your dog finishes the treats from the floor he will look at you. Click and give one treat when he looks at you and again click and give another treat. This time when he looks at you click but throw the treat a slight distance from you onto the floor so that he has to move to get to it. When he returns he should either come back to you or look up and as soon as it is done you should click and throw another treat. Repeat this 10 times.

Do some basic commands if he already knows them such as sit, down, paw, etc., and as soon as he does them click and give a treat.

Once you think he has got the message you can start having some fun with other items. You can use your imagination and get him to stand on a box, put his toy in a bucket etc.

This is called 'shaping'. Put a relatively large size lid or piece of paper on the floor and as soon as he touches it with nose or paw, click and reward him. Again do this 10 times.

Repeat 10 more times but this time move the object each time. You need an object that will not move easily as the dog touches it. For instance a ball is of no use at this stage. Once he has achieved this and is used to touching objects, you can try moving targets.

Place a treat in between your fingers and show him the back of your hand. He will sniff and realise that the treat is there but also touch your hand. As soon as he does then click and give him the treat, repeating 10 times.

Later, when you repeat it, get him to touch your hand but this time throwing the treat away from you so he has to fetch it. When he turns round show him the back of your hand and when he has touched it click and throw the treat, again repeating this 10 times.

