

TRICK TRAINING MASTERCLASS - Week 3 notes



Paws Up!

In this trick your dog learns to put two feet on an object, and eventually all 4 paws (aka Jump on).

- Click Point 1: Reach over item to get treat
- Click Point 2: One paw on new item
- Click Point 3: Two paws on new item.
- Click Point 4: 'All four' paws on item.

I like to keep 'paws up' (with open hand prompt) for 2 paws on. Then 'hup with hand beckon' for all 4 paws.

Remember to vary the items and the environment. With less bold dogs, using the same item in lots of environments is a great idea before generalising to lots of items, and if you have a super bold dog - up the surface and stability your dog in stepping onto. Try a yoga ball or a wobble board, something with a little motion to it.

Wrap Around

This is a luring trick, in which the dogs runs away from you, circles an object and returns to you. It is useful for send aways and advanced directional training, and helps in training an emergency stop later on. You can use any item for the dog to circle.

- Click point 1: Shoulder, object, foot in line - pull away to feed to add momentum. Click point stays the same, but criteria is raised.
- Criteria raise: No lure in hand
- Criteria raise: Open hand
- Criteria raise: Add vocal cue
- Criteria raise: Add distance
- Criteria raise: Minimise physical cue

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Homework

Practice EVERYWHERE to proof your work for differing environments. The key to successful dog training is training well initially (which you are of course doing) then taking the new behaviour on the road to practice in a million different arenas. So when you need your dog to perform for you - they are well prepped and unfazed by the environment.

Tell us how you are doing on the FB group, and don't forget the live Q&A on Monday @6pm Xx

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