

# Putting It All Together

## Exercise 5.4

This exercise combines marking behavior with clicking and treat delivery.

### You'll need

Clicker

Cup

Table

Treat bag

Treats (dried beans, Cheerios, pea-sized dog treats, or dry dog kibble)

### The exercise

Before starting the exercise, set the cup in an area where you will be able to see the video and efficiently deliver treats.

1. Hold the clicker and treat hand in a neutral position.
2. Open and play the video "**Observing and Marking Behavior.**"
3. Click each time the dog lies down.
4. Deliver a treat into the cup.
5. Vary different neutral positions. Practice reaching into the treat bag and using preloaded treats in the hand with successive repetitions.
6. Repeat the video and exercise.
  - a. Click and treat the stand.
  - b. Click and treat the sit.
  - c. Click and treat all positions (down, stand, and sit).

### Questions

Was it difficult to maintain your clicker mechanics (efficient treat delivery, treat and clicker hand still, timing of the click to the behavior) when putting it all together?

It is easy to become distracted when trying to remember all aspects. Continue to practice the exercise until you feel confident in your ability to maintain fluent clicker mechanics.

**Take-home message**

Vary the location of the treat bag and the hand that delivers the treat. This changes the picture from the dog's point of view.