

Recall

Level 2: Introduce Mild Distractions

Purpose:

The goal of this exercise is to build fluency of the hand-target cue by introducing mild distractions to the training environment. Handlers should remain close to the dog when first introducing distractions.

Dog Skills

Targeting

Give attention

Respond to a cue

People Skills

Shaping

Reinforcement

Cueing

Steps

1. Do a few warm-up repetitions of the hand-touch cue, clicking and treating correct responses.
2. Introduce some mild distractions, such as toys lying around, people standing nearby, etc.
3. Say the dog's name to get his attention, and give the cue to touch. Click and treat correct responses.
4. When the dog is reliably responding, gradually introduce new mild distractions. Continue to click and treat all correct responses.

Click Points

- Touch target.

Tag Points

- Keep target hand still.
- Say the dog's name before giving the touch cue.

Good for building these other behaviors:

Recall Levels 3 and 4, focus in the presence of mild distractions, redirection from distraction.

At home fun:

Practice calling the dog from across the room; try a round-robin recall, where two or three people take turns calling the dog.