

Recall

Level 3: Increase Distance

Purpose:

The goal of this exercise is to gradually increase the distance from which the dog will respond to the hand-target cue.

During class, two people can work with one dog, taking turns saying the dog's name and cueing the hand touch.

Dog Skills

Targeting

Give attention

Respond to a cue

People Skills

Shaping

Reinforcement

Cueing

Steps

1. Stand side by side with your partner, with the dog in front. One person begins by cueing the hand touch, and clicking and treating; then the other person cues, clicks, and treats.
2. When the dog is reliably responding, partners move two or three steps apart (now facing each other), and take turns cueing the dog.
3. Move additional steps apart, one at a time, taking turns cueing the dog. Occasionally step closer together again and do a repetition or two. Don't just always make it harder.
4. Continue practicing, slowly increasing distance.

Click Points

- Touch target.

Tag Points

- Get dog's attention before giving the touch cue.

Good for building these other behaviors:

Recall Level 4, focus from a distance, retrieve, and more.

At home fun:

Say the dog's name and give the hand-touch cue when you are in another room; continue practicing the round-robin recall, where two or three people take turns calling the dog from a gradually increasing distance.