

Recall

Level 4: Fluency at a Distance and with Distractions

Purpose:

The goal of this exercise is to continue developing fluency of the hand-target cue by alternating the level of distractions present and the trainer's distance from the dog when cueing the hand touch.

Dog Skills

Targeting

Give attention

Respond to a cue

People Skills

Shaping

Reinforcement

Cueing

Steps

1. Set up the training area with an appropriate level of distractions.
2. Give the hand-target cue, and click and treat correct responses.
3. When the dog is reliably responding in the presence of distractions, slowly increase distance between handler and dog and continue practicing.
4. Alternate between increasing distractions and increasing distance, within the dog's ability to retain focus.

Click Points

- Touching hand target.
- Head turn when dog first responds to name and cue.

Tag Points

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

Good for building these other behaviors:

Focus from a distance, retrieve, and more.

At home fun:

Practice left and right touches, back and forth, and varying the number of touches before the click and treat. Practice outdoors in areas of increasingly higher distractions. Continue to work with a partner, with each calling the dog to touch, back and forth, with increasing distractions and distance.