



Finished!

Teaching our dogs the game has ended is a really easy way to teach your dog to drop toys, even when the energy is high!

To teach Finished!

1. Before you start your game of tuggy, pop a good handful of decent treats somewhere you can get to them easily.
2. Start playing your game and get your dog super interested/hyped up.
3. When they're enjoying themselves, call "Finished!" in a really happy, clear voice. Immediately after you've said it drop your handful of treats from a height so that they land on your dog's nose.
4. As soon as your dog lets go of the toy put it in your pocket or out of sight so they don't go back to the game once you've called 'Finished'
5. You may need to point out the treats to help them
6. Give them a moment or two of sniffing out treats to help bring arousal down
7. Practise! Practise! Practise!
8. As your dog gets more reliable, pause between saying 'finished' and dropping treats. They should start to drop the toy in anticipation.
9. When they drop the toy as soon as you say 'finished!' you can start to reduce the amount of treats you drop.
10. When they're really really good at the game, you can just give them a single reward to their mouth when they drop the toy.