

# Go Sniff!



Putting sniffing on cue can help build engagement in sniffy dogs and allows us to use sniffing as a reward.

## To Play:

1. With you dog on a short lead, stand near somewhere with good sniffs (hedgerows, lamposts etc.) Keep the lead short enough that your dog can't quite reach the sniff. Wait patiently.
2. The second your dog glances in your direction mark that excellent choice with your 'YES' or 'GOOD'.
3. Rapidly feed your dog multiple treats, to their mouth, one after the other. (this is a jackpot)
4. Withdraw your treats, if your dog is still looking at you once the treats have gone (even for just a second) say 'Go Sniff'. You may need to gesture towards the sniffy spot or throw a treat the first few times.
5. While your dog is sniffing, stand up and allow them to sniff for as long as they like but they must stay within the length of the lead. Think tree and don't move your feet.
6. Be ready to mark the exact moment your dog stops sniffing and glances in your direction, no matter how brief that glance was.
7. Jackpot the dog again, as on step three, and continue working through steps 4-7.

At some point you'll say 'go sniff' and your dog will either refuse to sniff or do a token sniff and glance back, reward this refusal, this is them choosing you over the environment and is your cue to start working on different games with them, or move to a better sniff spot to keep practising.

If your dog looks away from you before you say 'go sniff' return to step one and get your 'go sniff' cue out quicker next time.