



# Middle

This is a handy trick that that can be used to tuck your dog out of the way in busy places and provides them with a safe space when needed.

## To play this game:

1. Stand with your legs apart in an 'A' shape.
2. Put a treat in each hand. Use one had to lure your dog around the side of your leg, then drop the treat just behind you.
3. While your dog is eating the first treat, reach down with the treat in your other hand, pop it in front of their nose and lure them between your legs.
4. Mark and reward your dog when their head is in between your legs and they are facing in a straight line forwards
5. Throw a treat out in front of you to 'reset' them ready for another practice.
3. When they're stood between your legs facing forward, mark and reach into your treat pouch for a reward.
4. Once they're doing the previous step successfully, repeat with both hands empty!

*If they don't follow your empty hand, they need to keep practicing at the first level for longer.*

## Once your dog can do it without a treat in either hand:

1. Try standing up a little straighter
  2. Can they do it with a less obvious hand movement (change it a little at a time)
  3. Add the word 'Middle' before using your hand signal
1. Once you've cracked it with two treats, switch to one treat. Have a treat in your hand to lure them around your leg first, then then 'fake it' with the second treat.
  2. Hold your second hand as if you have a treat in it, guide your dog inbetween your leges just as you did with the treat.