



The Counting Game

This game helps your dog learn to turn back to you. It's great for cutting through the noise when arousal is high, and the predictable pattern makes it super versatile.

How to Play:

1. Find a quiet spot and a handful of food rewards
2. Start counting out treats on the floor by your feet, keep going until your dog orients back to you. Bend over as you place each treat down if that's accessible to you.
3. When your dog gets to you, stop counting and pause while they eat the treats.
4. When they've finished, they'll do one of two things, look at you, or wander off.
 - If they wander off, start counting again. If they look at you mark with their marker word (GOOD!/YES!) and reward them to their mouth.
 - If they wander off or stop and stare at something, start counting out treats again.

5. After two or three reps they should stop hitting the end of their lead, lunging, or staring at the distraction. If they're still doing any of the above, you're too close. Take a few steps away and try again.

8. If distractions are very close by while you're playing this you can keep counting out treats on the floor until the distraction has passed.

This can work in so many scenarios, any time your dog is distracted and you want them to come to you. The more you play, the more they should orient to you around distractions.