



The Orientation Game

The orientation game is a simple way to teach our dogs to keep track of where we are, without us having to continually recall them or prompt them to pay attention to us.

To play:

1. Grab a handful of treats (or a portion of your dogs breakfast!)
2. Throw a treat out to your side and allow your dog to go and get it (This one is free!)
3. As soon as they turn round to look at you, mark that moment with your marker word! (YES!/ GOOD!)
4. Throw a treat out to the other side
5. Repeat, repeat, repeat! start this slow and controlled, with treats being thrown in quite close proximity to your body. Make sure your dog sees you throw the treat so they know they can go get it!

3. Change where you're standing when your dog is running away from you so next time they look up, they have to find you.

This game is also, really handy one for changing our dogs energy levels...

Pup too excited and needing help calming down? Play this game with your calm "massage" voice (gooooooood) and gentle, slow treat rolls rather than throws.

Dog being a bit slow and boring? Get whizzy with this game! Become a cheerleader getting excited (GOOD!) when they look at you, run around and get them to chase you!

To make this harder:

1. Throw the treats further away from you
2. Throw the treats in lots of unpredictable directions