

# Teach Your Dog A New Behavior

## IN 3 SIMPLE STEPS

### STEP 1

## Elicit the Behavior

### Lure

Encouraging the dog to follow a treat to get into the correct position.

### Shape

The process of building a new behavior by gradually rewarding approximations of the final behavior.

### Capture

Waiting for the dog to offer the behavior unprovoked, and then rewarding that behavior.

### Mimic

The tendency of a dog to do what another dog or the trainer is doing.

### STEP 2

## Mark the Behavior

### What is a Mark?

A mark is a distinct signal that lets your dog know that they have performed the correct action. A mark is always paired with an immediate reward. It is also known as a bridge or a secondary reinforcer. Common marks include a clicker, the word "yes," or a specific hand gesture.

### How to use a Mark

When your dog performs the desired behavior, immediately mark it with your chosen signal.

### STEP 3

## Reward the Behavior

### What is a Reward?

A reward is something that your dog enjoys. Give your dog the reward immediately following your mark. Make sure the reward you use is something your dog really likes.

### Examples of Rewards

Hot dogs	Dog biscuits
Boiled chicken	Sniffing a favorite spot
Liver	Ball throw
Carrots	Frisbee toss
Soft dog treats	Tug