



# Name Game

## Exercise 2: Respond to Name

### Goal

The goal of this step is to teach a dog make eye contact as the response to hearing his name. The name as a cue to make eye contact will be used throughout obedience, agility, rally and showmanship, as well as everyday life.

### Steps

1. Cue the dog by saying his name and click when you first see the dog's head start to turn.
2. Continue with another activity to avoid accidentally rewarding staring.
3. Continue to periodically cue the dog with his name and clicking when he makes eye contact.

### Reminders

- Click while the dog's head is turning
- Test your dog at random times (like while playing tug or before feeding him). Say his name and seeing if he will respond.



# Nose Targeting

## Exercise 1: Nose Touch Target

### Goal

The goal of this step is to teach the dog to touch a target (your hand, a plastic disc, the tip of a wooden spoon) with his nose. This is a foundation skill for teaching many different behaviors.

### Steps

1. Hold the target close to the dog's nose and click any movement or look toward it. After each click remove the target and treat.
2. Hold the target 1 inch to the side of the dog's nose. Click any movement toward the target and treat. While the dog is still chewing present the target again.
3. Hold the target 1 inch above or below the dog's nose. Click any movement toward or touch of the target.
4. Continue to present the target in a variety of places close to the dog's nose, always clicking and treating movement toward or touching of the target. Then add a cue to the behavior. When the dog is reliably reaching to touch the target, begin saying "touch" or "target" just before presenting the target.

### Reminders

- Click/treat any movement toward the target
- Click/treat the instant the dog's nose touches the target
- Remove the target after every click
- Present the target while the dog is still chewing the last treat