

Teach Your Pet Name Recognitio

Your Dog's Name is SO Important!



Name Recognition, this is the first component of a recall or most behaviors we ask our dog to perform. If name recognition is correctly trained then it can be used to break the dog's projection before the recall cue or to gain the dogs attention. This needs to be a conditioned response.

Criteria 1 attracting the dog to look at you indoors

- Make happy noises and encourage your dog to look at you
- As soon as the dog responds (yes) or (Click), have the dog collect their reinforcement.
- Repeat five times and move to the next criteria if you have a push, 4 or 5 successes

If you score 5 out of five then move to the next level. If you are not successful at this level then we need to focus on some relationship exercises. Most pet dogs will look at their owners if happy noises are made to attract them

Criteria 2 using the dog's name indoors

- Make happy noises and say your dog's name as he turns his/her head toward you
- TIP: Have little bowls of treats in different rooms of your house so out of nowhere you can say your dog's name, (Yes) or (Click) when they respond:
- As soon as the dog looks at you (yes) or (Click) have the dog collect their reinforcement
- Repeat five times and move to the next criteria if you have a push, 4 or 5 successes

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Criteria 3 Use the dog's name in your house

- As soon as the dog looks at you (yes) or (Click) have the dog collect their reinforcement
- Repeat five times and move to the next criteria if you have a push, 4 or 5 successes

Criteria 4 Use the dog's name in your back yard with no distractions

- As soon as the dog looks at you (yes) or (Click) have the dog collect their reinforcement
- Repeat five times and move to the next criteria if you have a push, 4 or 5 successes

Criteria 5 Use your dog's name in your front yard

- As soon as the dog looks at you (yes) or (Click) have the dog collect their reinforcement
- Repeat five times and move to the next criteria if you have a push, 4 or 5 successes

Criteria 6 Name Recognition with small distractions outdoors (Premark Principle)

- Make happy noises and encourage your dog to look at you while somebody else is trying to get your dog's attention three feet away using just

their hands and voice

- As soon as the dog reaches you (yes) or (Click), then the other person also joins you in reinforcing the dog.



The lesson we are teaching is that if the dog gives up attention from somebody else, they get huge reinforcement by coming to you.

- Repeat five times and move to the next criteria if you have a push, 4 or 5 successes.
- Add in more distractions and do this in new environments until you have a reliable 'look' when you say the dog's name

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