

## **Beyond the CGC: Tricks and Behaviors Part 2**

A client's daughter wanted to teach her dog Paws Up and "Rotate" after seeing a video of Cookie doing it. However, because of schedules we were never able to get together for in person training. Please note: One thing I did err on in the video, is when you toss the treat to "reset" the dog, rather than saying "ok" you should use the cue/command "off" so that the dog also learns when to get down when told to do so. This is better during therapy visits as the dog will then get down or "off" when needed. While you are most likely not going to use the "rotate" mentioned in the video for visits, this is still a great way to teach "Paws Up." I made the following video for her:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCjtteoksXg&list=PLhIXwWGH2LkhT7ZUSiq7FnWOMXkl-tN8c&index=15&ab\\_channel=JillMarie](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCjtteoksXg&list=PLhIXwWGH2LkhT7ZUSiq7FnWOMXkl-tN8c&index=15&ab_channel=JillMarie)

Be sure to always ask permission from the person you are visiting if they want the dog to even do a "paws up" and it's a good idea to make sure your dog's nails are properly trimmed and has clean feet. Also be sure to explain exactly what the dog will do so they are not startled.

Short instructions just to recap after watching the video:

1. Have a stable ROUND platform and great treats, in a no distraction area
2. Lure dog up onto the platform, reward
3. Toss treat to teach "off" and reset the dog
4. Gradually phase out the lure and use "jackpots" as described in the video when the dog has her feet on the platform. This creates DURATION and KEEPING her feet up until told to get off.
5. Add the cue/command when the dog is readily doing the behavior
6. Start "generalizing" the training by having the dog practice this on different platforms and in different areas.

Other important tips: Don't forget to gradually phase out the lures and rewards. You want your dog to gladly do this anywhere even without food. Always pair a verbal reward (good boy, etc.) with a food treat so that when food is phased out but they hear the "good boy" they still get that dopamine response and they know they did a good job! Verbal praise should ALWAYS be given, forever.