

Prevention – Drop, Bring-it & Trade

DROP:

- Play tug with a rope toy for 5 to 10 to 20 seconds
- Stop play and hold tight to the toy without any give (go boring) and wait for your dog to drop
- The moment your dog's mouth comes off the toy, click and treat
- Repeat until your dog is reliably dropping when you go boring
- After reliable add the word drop right as your dog drops and click and treat
- Repeat
- Once reliable begin to ask your dog to drop when you are done playing and click and treat

FETCH or BRING-IT:

- Present a toy your dog likes in front of your dog
- After your dog takes the toy, take a step away from your dog, and click the moment your dog takes a step toward you (before dropping the toy)
- Immediately hold hand out to catch the toy and reward with a treat
- Repeat several times until your dog is reliably grabbing the toy, walking toward you and dropping the toy in your hand
- *Always click before the drop
- Troubleshoot: After you click for walking toward you, if your dog does not drop the toy into your hand place a treat immediately at their nose
- Once reliable add the cue word as your dog is walking toward you, then click then treat the drop
- Repeat several times
- Next give your dog the toy, say your cue word, move a step away and when the toy touches your hand Click and Treat
- Repeat several times
- Next add duration by moving farther away from your dog after your dog takes the toy, say your cue word, move away and click and treat the moment the toy touches your hand
- Next place a toy on the ground and give your dog the cue word and back away a couple steps then click and treat for your dog putting the toy in your hand
- Once reliable, add duration and distance
- Once reliable begin to add other behaviors. Ask for a sit, toss the toy and immediately say your cue word to release your dog, click and treat when the toy touches your hand

TRADE:

- Using two toys give one toy and present the other toy and say trade as your dog drops the first toy and give your dog the second toy.
- Say good trade and repeat.

- You can also do this with different value food items. Please note the value item you are trading for needs to be higher value to your dog.