Trick of the Month

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Trick Tutorial:
TRAINING TIPS





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TIP ONE

Reinforce your dog with high value treats within 1 second of your dog performing the cue!



TIP TWO

Use high value treats like the Blue-9 treats or cut up pieces of hot dogs or cheese.



TIP THREE

Elevation helps! Use the KLIMB to increase your dog's focus and eliminate distractions



TIP FOUR

Mark the behavior as soon as your dog performs the correct cue! Use a clicker or the word "yes."

Trick Tutorial:
SPIN/TWIRL

Up the Challenge

Beginner: teach one direction

Intermediate: teach both directions

Advanced: ask for multiple repetitions or add distance



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STEP ONE

Start with your dog on the KLIMB.



STEP TWO

Lure your dog around in a circle. Mark and reinforce.



STEP THREE

Fade out the food lure using just a hand signal.



STEP FOUR

Add a verbal cue.

Trick Tutorial:
PAW/ SHAKE

Up the Challenge

Beginner: teach one paw shake

Intermediate: teach dog to high five

Advanced: teach dog to wave



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STEP ONE

Start with your dog on the KLIMB. Lure your dog's head up and back.



STEP TWO

Mark and reinforce your dog when they lift one paw.



STEP THREE

Lure your dog's head less and wait for the paw movement.



STEP FOUR

Fade out the food lure and add a verbal cue: Paw

Trick Tutorial:
BACK FEET UP

Up the Challenge

Beginner: teach dog to put rear feet on the angled KLIMB

Intermediate: teach dog to walk backwards 3 steps to KLIMB

Advanced: teach dog to walk backwards without a target object



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STEP ONE

Lure your dog up and over your leg so that their rear feet end on the KLIMB.



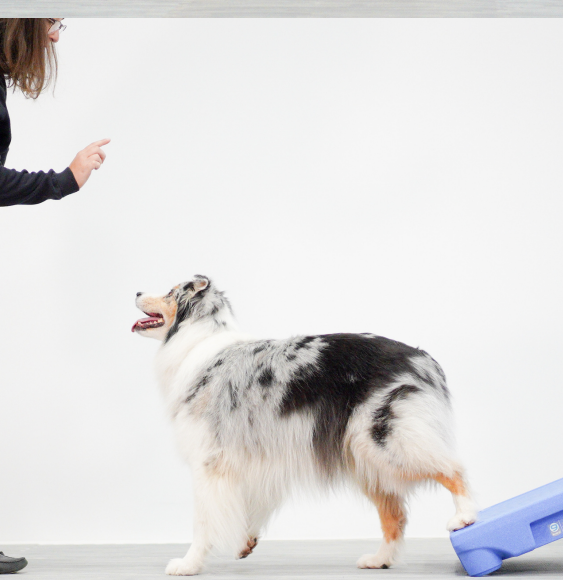
STEP TWO

Mark and reinforce several times in position.



STEP THREE

Allow your dog to take one step away from the KLIMB.



STEP FOUR

Shift your weight towards the KLIMB cuing your dog to walk backward to the KLIMB.

Trick Tutorial:
PUPPY PUSH UPS

Up the Challenge

Beginner: have the dog perform sit-down-sit

Intermediate: have the dog perform sit-down-stand

Advanced: ask for multiple repetitions or add distance



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STEP ONE

Start with your dog on the KLIMB. Cue the Sit behavior.



STEP TWO

Cue the Down behavior.



STEP THREE

Ask the dog to push up and back into a sitting position.



STEP FOUR

Mark and reinforce one successful repetition.

Trick Tutorial:
LAY ON YOUR SIDE

Up the Challenge

Beginner: teach dog to lay on their side with a food lure

Intermediate: ask dog to complete behavior with just a hand signal

Advanced: teach dog to rollover

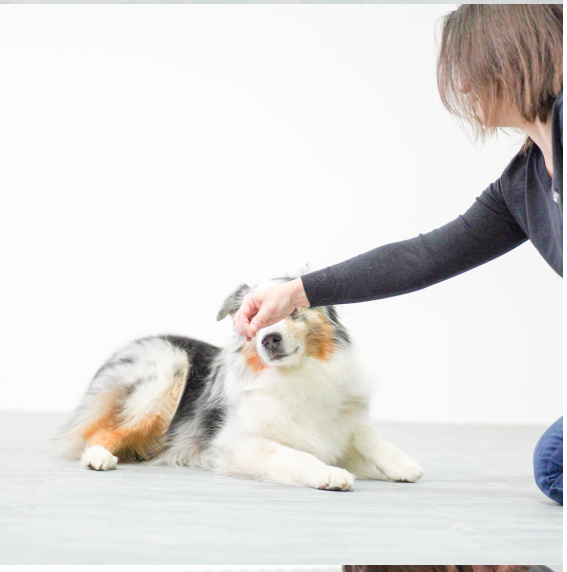


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STEP ONE

Cue your dog to lay down.



STEP TWO

Lure your dog in an arc so that relax on to their hip.



STEP THREE

Continue to lure the dog so that their shoulder comes into contact with the floor.



STEP FOUR

Straighten their head and reinforce in position.

Trick Tutorial:
CATCH A TREAT

Up the Challenge

Beginner: teach dog to catch a treat

Intermediate: teach dog to catch a large fluffy toy

Advanced: teach dog to catch a bounced tennis ball



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STEP ONE

Start with your dog on the KLIMB.



STEP TWO

Mimic tossing the treat twice. Throw the treat underhand on the third volley.



STEP THREE

Consider adding the cue "Get It."



STEP FOUR

Try the same game with a toy!

Trick Tutorial:
NOSE TOUCH

Up the Challenge

Beginner: touch hand from 4 inches away

Intermediate: use as part of a recall from 6 feet away

Advanced: ask for multiple repetitions or build to a sustained nose touch



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STEP ONE

Start with your dog on the KLIMB. This helps limit distractions.



STEP TWO

Present your hand 2-4 inches from your dogs nose. Mark and reinforce as soon as your dog investigates.



STEP THREE

Gradually build this behavior so your dog will travel a longer distance to your hand.



STEP FOUR

Add a verbal cue when you present your hand.

Trick Tutorial:
TAKE A BOW

Up the Challenge

Beginner: use your hand underneath rear as a prompt

Intermediate: ask dog to perform cue with just a food lure

Advanced: have your dog bow with just a hand signal or verbal cue.



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STEP ONE

Support your dog's belly with one arm if they do not find this aversive.



STEP TWO

Lure your dogs head back and down to achieve the bow position. Mark and Reinforce.



STEP THREE

Fade out your prompts include the food lure and your arm placement.



STEP FOUR

Add a verbal cue.

Trick Tutorial:
GO TO PLACE

Up the Challenge

Beginner: go to KLIMB from three feet away

Intermediate: go to KLIMB from 10 feet away

Advanced: continue to add distance and duration



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STEP ONE

Start with your dog on one side of your body, and the KLIMB on the other side.



STEP TWO

Point, or use a Nose Touch cue to guide your dog to the KLIMB.



STEP THREE

Mark and Reinforce as soon as your dog has all four feet on the KLIMB.



STEP FOUR

Add a verbal cue and a release cue.

Trick Tutorial:
Crawl Under

Up the Challenge

Beginner: use food lure and KLIMBS to achieve behavior

Intermediate: add distance by connecting multiple KLIMBS

Advanced: achieve crawl behavior without prop



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STEP ONE

Start with your dog in a down position.



STEP TWO

Toss a treat through the tunnel.



STEP THREE

Connect more KLIMBS to create a longer tunnel.



STEP FOUR

Practice going in both directions.

Trick Tutorial:

PEEKABOO WITH SIT

Up the Challenge

Beginner: utilize the KLIMB to encourage proper placement

Intermediate: fade out the use of the KLIMB

Advanced: add duration of dog staying in place



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STEP ONE

Start with treats in both hands.



STEP TWO

Lure your dog behind your legs and in towards you.



STEP THREE

Use your other hand to lure your dog forward and into a sit.



STEP FOUR

Mark and Reinforce.

Trick Tutorial:
HEEL POSITION

Up the Challenge

Beginner: teach one side

Intermediate: teach both sides

Advanced: have the dog alternate positions in the same session



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STEP ONE

Start with your dog on the KLIMB.



STEP TWO

Lure your dog around in a circle. Mark and reinforce.



STEP THREE

Fade out the food lure using just a hand signal.



STEP FOUR

Add a verbal cue.

Trick Tutorial:

COOKIES ON PAWS

Up the Challenge

Beginner: put low value cookies on paws

Intermediate: multiple cookies on each paw

Advanced: spell the dogs name in cookies on the ground in front of them.



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STEP ONE

Place cookies on the ground and cover with one hand.



STEP TWO

Reinforce your dog for waiting.



STEP THREE

Pick up cookies, and place on paws. Be sure to cover then with your hands if your dog goes to eat them.



STEP FOUR

Mark and Reinforce your dog for waiting.

Trick Tutorial:

PAWS UP

Up the Challenge

Beginner: find position and hold for 5 seconds

Intermediate: dog holds position while handler walks away

Advanced: dog goes to platform from a distance and holds position



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STEP ONE

Start with your dog on one side of the KLIMB.



STEP TWO

Use a hand touch cue or food lure to get the dog in position.



STEP THREE

Mark and reinforce in position.



STEP FOUR

Add distance

Trick Tutorial:
LEG WEAVES

Up the Challenge

Beginner: use food lure for two repetitions

Intermediate: encourage a faster speed

Advanced: ask for multiple repititions without a food lure



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STEP ONE

Start with treats in both hands.



STEP TWO

Lure your dog through your legs, and to wrap around.



STEP THREE

Feed with your opposite hand from behind.



STEP FOUR

Complete a figure 8 pattern around your legs.