



PREMACK RECALL

PART 2

NOW THAT YOU'VE PAIRED YOUR NOVEL CUE TO A NOVEL REWARD, YOU WILL PUT THEM TO THE TEST! WHEN TRAINING, WE WANT TO PUSH OUR DOGS LIMITS, BUT KEEP IT AS ERRORLESS AS POSSIBLE. YOU WILL START OUT IN A LOW DISTRACTION ENVIRONMENT AND BUILD FROM THERE.

TWO-PERSON GAME

- Begin with the humans standing 10 feet apart.
- Person A will hold a tasty reward in their closed hands at the dog's nose level.
- Once the dog is fully invested in the food, Person B will say the cue word (only once!), followed by encouraging words and body language until the pup comes running.
- Once the dog comes, hold their collar and praise them, while Person A comes running with the reward.
- Person A will hand feed or drop the reward on the ground while praising the dog.
- Repeat 3-4 times and then take a break until the next day.

ONE-PERSON GAME

- Place some tasty treats on a shelf, out of the dog's reach but where they are still likely to try for it.
- Stand 10 feet away from the treats and wait for the dog to show interest in the reward
- Say the cue word (only once!), followed by encouraging words and body language until the pup comes running.
- Once the dog comes, hold their collar and praise them while walking back to the food reward together.
- Walk back to the location you were standing in to deliver the reward while continuing to praise.
- Repeat 3-4 times and then take a break until the next day.

TIPS

- While it's tempting to repeat the cue word, the power of this method comes from only needing to say it once. Repeating it without a response from the dog will cause the cue to lose its meaning.
- Taking a break and allowing the dog to rest between sessions keeps the game fun, and allows the dog to process what they have learned
- Some dog's may be sensitive to having their collar grabbed, consider using a leash instead, or work on desensitizing them to collar grabs separately

WHAT'S NEXT?

Continue practicing in the current location until the dog starts responding to the word immediately. You may even see they figure out the rules of the game and come running to correct person without even fussing with the treats! Start changing things up, keeping the 3 D's in mind (Distance, Distraction, Duration). Try different people, locations, and types of distractions. Just remember to only raise the criteria in one way at a time.