



Games & Tricks • Week 2

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Crawl

Stage 1

Start from a down.

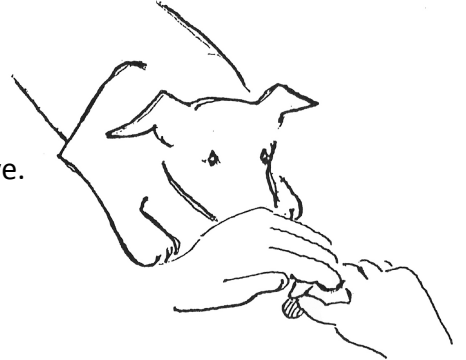
Put your one hand with the treat under your other so it's in a little cave.

Your dog's nose needs to stay low the ground to get the treat.

Pull just an inch away and "Yes!" and treat ("Y"/T)

"Y"/T for your dog stretching forward.

Only go an inch or your dog will stand up and walk.



Stage 2

Slowly add distance only an inch at a time. Work for short periods and stop.

This is a big muscle work out. Your dog will feel it.

Stage 3

As he's getting the idea, have your dog do a down stay and start a little farther way before having him crawl.

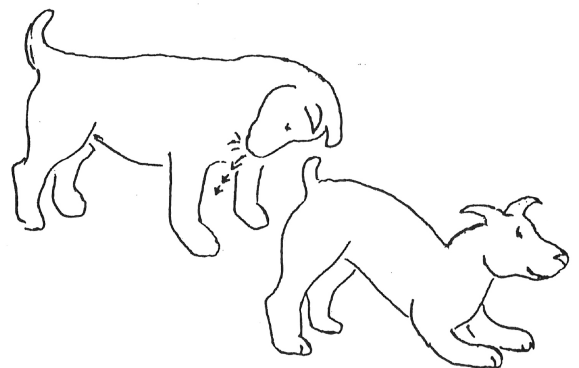
Play Bow

This can be a Captured Behavior or a Lured one.

Stage 1 – Captured

"Yes" and toss a toy whenever he offers a play bow.

Try to initiate one by play bowing yourself first (foot out, knee straight)



Stage 1 – Lured

For Lured behavior, start from a stand.

Put a treat on your dog's chest where his fur swirls together.

Drop it down between his front legs and then straight down.

Watch for any bend in the elbow and "Yes", but...

Stand him back up before you give him the treat to prevent him from dropping into a down.

Once he gets it, add your signal. Verbal or visual.



Play Bow, Stage 2

If you are working on taking a bow together, work on rotating (pivoting) a little at a time until you're facing the same direction.

Sit Up (aka "Sit Pretty" or "Pop a Wheelie")

Stage 1

Have your dog sit.

Hold a treat in front of his nose and lift it slightly higher than he can reach.

Wiggle and entice him up with your lure. (If your dog has been proofed against this break of his sit stay, you'll need to make a lot of encouraging sounds.

"Y"/T for any lift as all- even half an inch.



Stage 2

As your dog realizes its okay, work for more height on the front legs.

Use your "Y"/T to shape for cuter paw position. (Lifted up at elbows, paws tucked back.)

Stage 3

Give your dog feedback ("Good!") and delay "Y"/T to get him to hold the position longer.

Some people will sit their dogs in a corner to brace against to help with balance.

You can also hold your dog's paw lightly and "Y"/T when you feel him hold his own balance.

Back Up

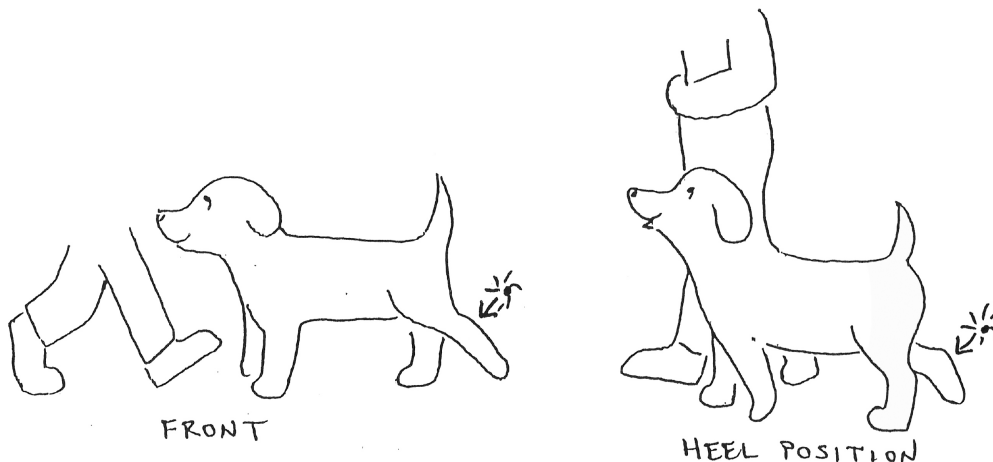
This can also be captured or lured

Stage 1 – Capture Method

Use a body block to step into your dog's space.

Watch for any back foot movement and "Y"/T.

It takes a while for him to realize and be aware of his backend.

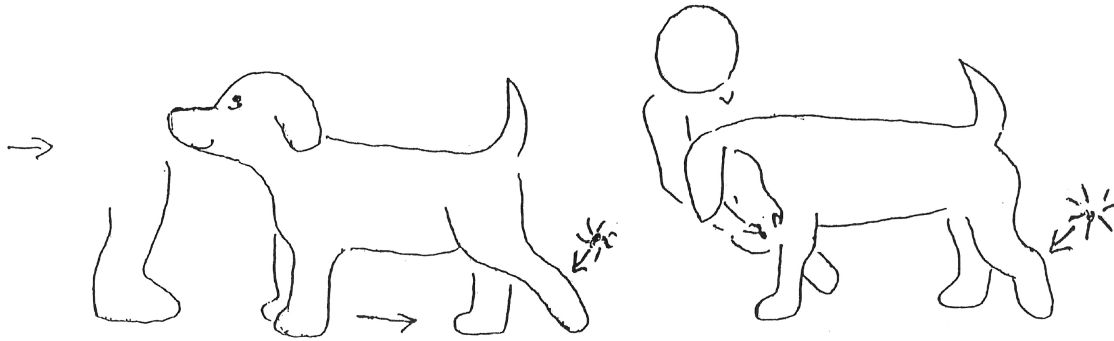


Back Up, Stage 1 – Lure Method

Start from a stand.

Put a cookie under your dog's chin on his throat.

As he backs up to get at it, "Y"/T for any back foot movement.



Stage 2

Use a hallway or want to get a straight back up.

Some people like to use a towel or change of surface to help the dog to go straight and to add distance.