

TRAIN A TRICK



Let's start with teaching a hand "touch" as it's the building block for some of the fun tricks you'll find on the back of the Click and Lick Treat packages.

STEP 1: With the Click and Lick in one hand, put both hands behind you out of your dog's view. Move the palm of your empty hand within a couple inches of your dog's nose. When your dog goes to sniff your palm - just as his nose touches it, push the paw button...and the Click and Lick clicks. Then immediately hold the Click and Lick bowl in front of your dog so he can lick out the treat. Repeat this five or six times.

STEP 2: With both hands staying in plain sight of your dog, but keeping the Click and Lick out of your dog's reach, put out your empty palm and when your dog touches it, immediately Click and give a Lick.

STEP 3: Move your hand away a few inches in different directions. Once your dog is touching your hand every time, you're ready to add the verbal cue. Simply say "touch" just as you put your palm out. When he touches it, Click and immediately give a Lick.

Congratulations! You have just introduced your dog to Clicker Training and taught him to "Touch"! Now you're ready to check out the other tricks.

TRICK 1 BELL

Now that you've mastered Click and Lick's Train a Trick Number #1 - the "Touch", you're ready to teach your dog to signal with a bell when he wants to go outside. (Go to ClickandLick.com to review all of the Train a Tricks.)

STEP 1. Rub a bit of butter or other smelly food on a bell that can later be hung near a door. Hold the bell in the palm of your hand. Tell your dog "touch" and be sure he contacts the bell with his nose when he reaches for your palm. Just as he touches it, "click" and then let him lick out the treat. Repeat several times, immediately clicking and giving him a lick each time he touches the bell.

STEP 2. Then, hold the bell so it dangles slightly from your hand. This time, only click if he makes the bell move. If at first the ring startles him, hold the bell so your hand slightly muffles the ringing sound or tape the clapper. With each successful "touch", hold the bell so that it dangles progressively lower.

STEP 3. Next, get your dog to reach out by moving the bell a few inches away in different directions. Gradually increase the distance to an arm's length away, getting him to move several feet to ring the bell. Now say "bell" instead of "touch" when you present the bell for your dog to touch.

STEP 4. Lastly, hang the bell near the door and encourage your dog to ring it before opening the door for him to go outside. If you do this every time, your dog will be ringing the bell to go outside before you know it.

MORE TRICKS COMING SOON.