



This is a basic exercise that is easy to teach and will help your dog focus on you, allowing you to train further exercises.



Your Training Tools:

- Treats
- 'Marker' Word (e.g. Yes, Nice, Ok!)
- Cue Word (e.g. Crawl)

TIP:

Training sessions should not exceed 2 minutes in duration: you may have as many sessions you and your dog like throughout the day!

Paw-structions:

1. **Your Dog's Position:**

Position your dog in a **lying down position**: kneel next to your dog and show a treat hidden under your hand on the floor.

2. **Lure:**

Grab your dog's attention by the treat's smell, and slowly slide the treat away from your dog.

3. **'Marker' Word:**

allows you to let your dog know that they did good and a reward is coming
As your dog takes a step or two with the front paws, use your *Marker*.

4. **Reward:**

a great reinforcer to fast track training
Give your dog the treat **IMMEDIATELY** after saying your Marker.

5. **Practice:**

Repeat several times.
Build up distance by waiting until your dog takes several crawl steps. Mark and Reward.

6. **Cue Word:**

allows you to put this exercise on cue
Once your dog is following your lure freely, say your **Cue Word** **before** presenting your lure. Mark and Reward.

7. **Practice:**

Repeat several times. If your dog is crawling freely, pretend to hold treat follow the above instructions. Mark and Reward.
This is the process of weaning out the treats on lure and using hand signals.

Training Sessions Durations

Keep your training sessions short. Every dog is an individual and their success will be determined by their motivation, their reinforcer and their attention capabilities in 'schooling'.

If you require further assistance teaching your dog, contact our experienced and professional dog behavioural trainer on 0409 636 117 or email info@pantingpaws.com.au