Shape the Behavior

Lure the dog into position using an object valued highly by the dog (treat, toy, affection)

After the dog is happily following your hand (with or without a treat) add the hand signal

Hand signals should be very large at first

Add the Cue

Add the word(s) you want to use to ask for the behavior:

- When dog is offering behavior on his/her own
- When behavior is consistent and reliable
- When the dog is going into position 80% of the time on a hand signal

Training Cycle

Add Duration

Mark the dog as soon as he/she goes into position with a Yes! and count to 5 then give them a treat

Repeat this a handful of times until the dog is comfortably waiting 5 seconds

Then Mark the dog once they go into position with a Yes! and repeat at 5 seconds, at 10 seconds give them a treat

Repeat over and over until dog is comfortably staying in position for 10 seconds

Add Distance

- Ask dog for behavior from 2' away
- Repeat until dog is comfortable at distance
- Add 2 feet
- Repeat until dog is comfortable at distance
- Repeat

Dogs already know most of the behaviors we're 'teaching' them

Consider instead that we're just finding a common language that puts these behaviors on demand

Add Distraction

Practice

- in different locations
- in different weather conditions
- with dogs around
- with kids around
- in stores
- with different noise present
- Weather conditions

Practice Duration, Distance and Distraction together!

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Notice and acknowledge 100% of time during the **Training Cycle**