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Fundamentals Class

- Reward Marker Word- Yes
- Capturing Good Choices
- Teaching a new skill
- Basics
 - Touch
 - Sit
 - Down
 - Stand
- Loose Leash Walking
- Gentle
- Trade/Resource Guarding



Reward Marker Word - Yes

- The reward marker word is used to mark the exact moment your dog has offered the correct behavior.
- When we pair the word 'yes' with a food reward to build a positive association.

Yes!

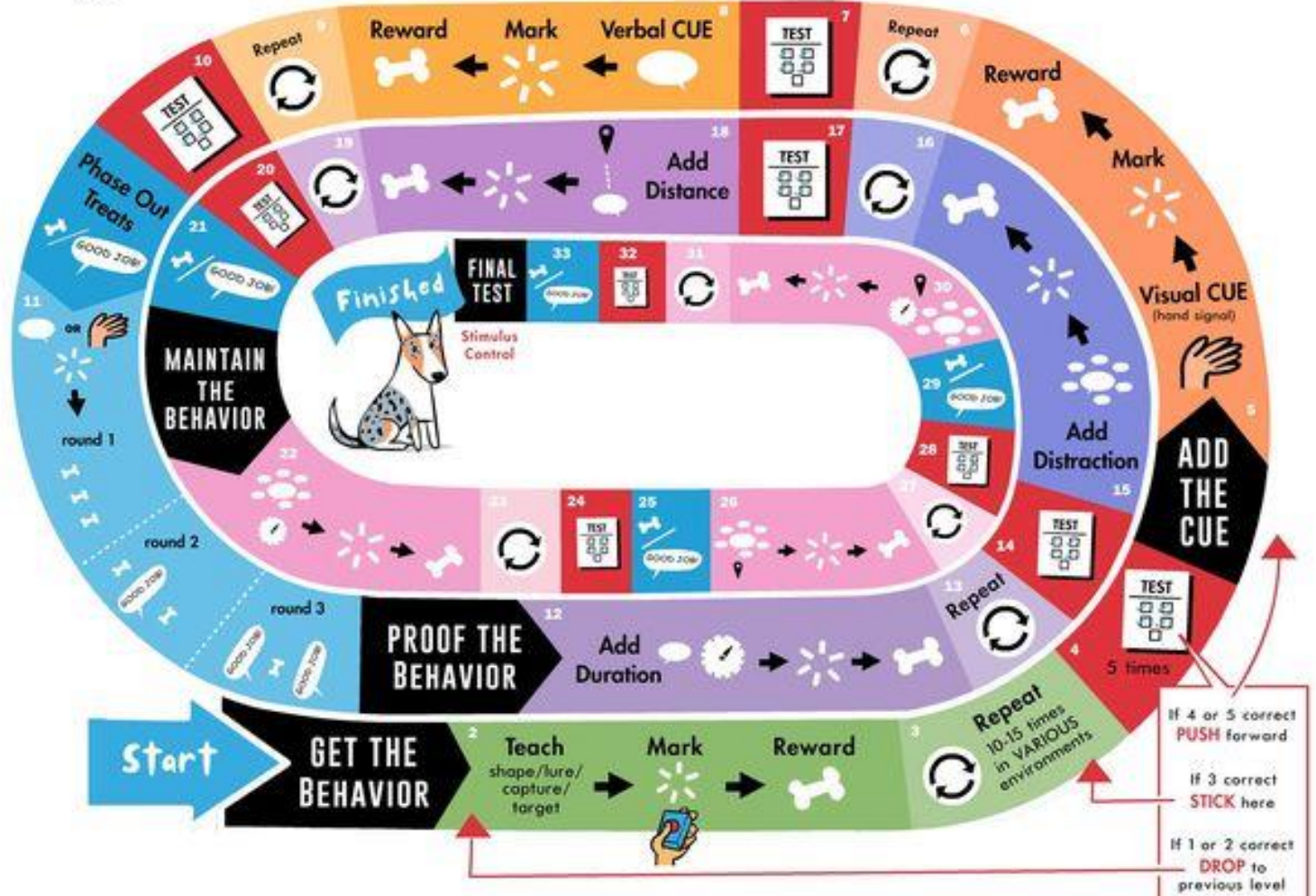
Capturing Good Choices

- Take 5 kibble from each meal to reward throughout the day
- When the dog spontaneously offers:
 - Eye Contact
 - At your left side
 - Sit
 - Down
 - Standing quietly looking at you
 - Settling
 - Going in crate
 - Going on their mat or dog bed
 - Choosing to chew appropriate things

Teaching a new skill

- Volume & Tone

PAWS Stages of TRAINING



Touch

- o Have kibble smell in your hand
- o Open hand flat near your dog
- o When their nose comes close to the hand or contacts it, mark with "yes" and reward with kibble
- o If you are offering your hand and your dog doesn't move towards it at all, remove hand entirely and then introduce other hand.
- o Can try putting different treat smells on your hand

Sit

- Put kibble in front of their nose
- Lure into sit by raising the kibble up and back so their nose points upwards.
- The moment their bum is on the ground mark with "yes" and reward with kibble
- Once puppy is reliably sitting in different environments in your home (9/10 times), we can introduce the word "sit"



Luring into Sit


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Down

- Put kibble in front of their nose
- Lure into down by lowering the kibble towards the ground – try straight down, slightly towards their chest, or slightly away from their chest.
- When puppy's elbows hit the ground, lure their nose towards their shoulder so they roll onto a hip and into the relaxed down position
- The moment they are in the relaxed down, mark "yes" and reward
- Once puppy is reliably down in different environments, we can introduce the word "down"





Luring into Down

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Stand

- Lure puppy with kibble on their nose
- Move the kibble slowly in a straight line away from them with a slight angle
- Once their legs straighten (but before they start walking) mark with "yes" and reward
- Once puppy is reliably standing in different environments, we can introduce the word "stand"



Luring into Stand



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Loose Leash

Start introducing equipment right away

- Attach leash to pups collar, let leash drag on the floor, show the puppy you have kibble and lure them away, every 3 steps reward with a kibble
- Practice inside your home
 - Build up to personal outdoor space

Reward often

- Encourage them to walk on your left



Gentle

- No teeth to take treats
 - Exercise: Hold treat in closed fist or under thumb with flat hand, pup needs to lick to get treat
 - When licking you can add the gentle cue
 - Can say OUCH/NO or yelp if puppy uses teeth
 - Deliver treat right into pup's mouth
- Gentle when playing with toys
- Gentle when playing with you



Trade/Resource Guard

- Practice trading toys for treats
- Add kibble into pups bowl
- Hand feed pup their meal
- Keep away games
- If pup growls, bares teeth, or runs away with toy or food please let staff know – sign of resource guarding

