

# TOUCH

## LEVEL THREE

### GET READY:

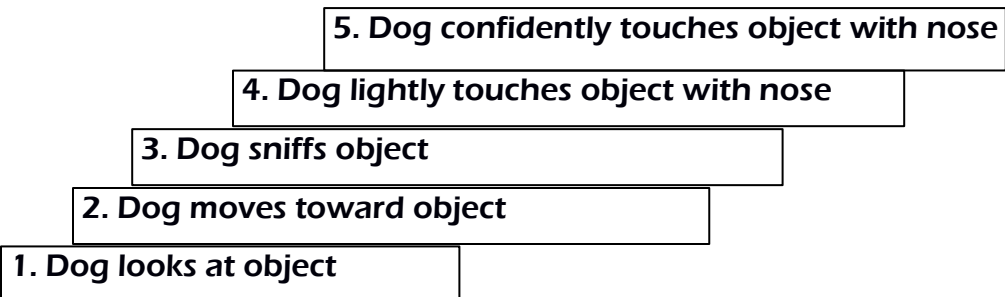
- ✓ Some yummy treats
- ✓ 2-3 objects for your dog to touch (target stick, sticky note, cone, etc.)
- ✓ Find a space the dog is familiar and comfortable with, that is as free of distractions as possible (Backyard, living room, kitchen, dining room, bedroom, garage, etc.).

### GET SET:

- ✓ Have your tasty treats ready and easy to access (ie. treat bag, pocket, etc.)
- ✓ Have your objects ready to present to your dog
- ✓ Have your dog positioned in front of you.

### GO:

- ✓ The goal of this level is to teach your dog to touch a new object with their nose. To do this, you will be presenting your new object and either giving your verbal nose touch cue or using the staircase from level one.
  - If you give your verbal cue and your dog touches the object, mark and reward (remove the object after each attempt and present again for the next attempt):
    - If your dog does not respond to your cue, use the following staircase.
  - If you didn't train a verbal nose touch cue, use the following staircase, marking and rewarding for each level (remove your object after each attempt and present again for the next attempt):



- ✓ Repeat this 5-10 times.



- ✓ **Once your dog can target the new object on cue or at presentation, use the same process to train them to nose touch your other chosen objects.**
- ✓ **Once they are reliably touching all the objects on cue or presentation, you may move onto Level Four.**

