

DOWN

LEVEL TWO

GET READY:

- ✓ Some yummy treats
- ✓ 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.).
- ✓ Decide what your cue will be (A.K.A. what you will say/do to ask for the behavior) (ex: "Down", "Lay Down", downward hand motion, etc.)

GET SET:

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

GO:

- ✓ To begin:
 - Run through a few repetitions of the behavior you shaped in Level One.
 - Right before your dog offers the behavior, add your cue
 - Ex: (Dog begins to bend its back legs) "Down!" - dog lays down - Mark & reward
 - Repeat this until you can get 15-20 accurate downs when you use your cue, then move on to the next step
 - Now test your cue by asking for the behavior with the cue only.
 - If your dog does not respond, you need to return to the previous step and solidify the cue.
 - If your dog does respond, do 5-10 accurate cue and response repetitions, then move on to Level Three.

