

## Leave-It



### Steps: treats in hand

1. Put approximately two dozen high-value treats (about the size of a pea) in a bowl. Sit in front of the dog in an area without distractions.
2. With less valuable treats your left hand and then place it in front of your dog.
3. The dog will likely lick your hand. The instant she stops touching your hand (i.e., she slightly moves her head away from your hand), Say "yes" and a treat with your right hand.
4. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until your dog its looking away reliably.
5. Then present your hand full of treats it to the dog without touching her. When the dog doesn't touch your treat hand, immediately say "Leave it" then "Yes "and give her several high value treats from your other hand.
6. Practice this exercise until the dog does not touch your closed treat hand when you present it 90 percent of the time. Then proceed to leave it with treats on the ground.

Note: Your dog never gets the treat that you say "leave it" to.

Hand Signal: There is no hand signal for this cue.

Verbal Cue: "leave- it"

With treats on the ground:

Steps: Note: Never pull back on your dog leash during this step.

1. Place 2-3 of kibble on the ground,
2. then with your dog on a leash attached to the harness, walk by the treats. At a distance they won't be able to reach the treat.
3. Watch your dog body language as they walk towards the treat as soon as you see your dog starts smelling for the treats.
4. Stop walking and say leave it, wait a couple second for them to think, one they look away from the treat mark with a "yes"! then keep walking.
5. Repeat steps 2-4 several time. Once your dog can perform "Leave it" 90% of the time proceeding to using this on walks.

Note: if they don't look back you will have to go back to.

