

Take-It



Steps:

1. Stand or sit in front of the dog.
2. With a high-value treat in your closed hand present it to the dog a few inches in front of their nose.
3. Wait for the dog to stop licking, sniffing, or touching your hand.
4. Slowly open your hand and say "Take-It."
5. When the dog takes the treat, say "yes."
6. Repeat this exercise three to five times.
7. Now present the treat in the flat of your palm. Wait 1 to 2 seconds and then say, "Take-It."

Note: If the dog tries to take the treat in your hand before you give the cue, close your hand, and place it behind your back for 1 to 2 seconds. Then present your hand again.

8. Continue practicing until the dog waits to be cued to take the treat in your presented hand at least 90 percent of the time. Then repeat step 7 with different toys and objects.



Hand Signals: You start with an open hand and then make a fist, moving your hand towards yourself.

Verbal Cue: "Take it"

