



## Attention getting exercise

**Getting your dog to respond to your voice is very important, there will be situations where you will need to get your dog to take notice of your voice and focus on you. Uses for this exercise can be simply getting your dog's attention before a training session to any situation where you require your dogs immediate and undivided focus.**

### **Equipment**

You will need some dog treats, obviously our Liver Treats, Garlic and Liver Treats and Veggi-Treats are an ideal for rewarding your dog however, your normal treats will be fine. You will also need a dog lead and collar.

### **Suggested verbal command word.**

Your will need to use a trigger word or statement that will catch your dogs attention, for example 'ready steady watch' and use your dog's name.

### **Method: What you need to do.**

You won't succeed in this exercise if you don't show any interest or excitement when you try to train this exercise. Therefore before you start make sure that you can make your demeanor as exciting and as interesting as possible and maintain this throughout the exercise. You need to get your dog to pay attention to you at all times so the whole exercise has to be fun and exciting for him.

As you play with your dog when you use his name use the key word or statement you have chosen. Take a treat and say your dog's name, keep talking to your dog saying nice things to him etc. Bring the treat down to his nose and give the command word associated with getting his attention.

After a few repetitions the dog should get more excited when he hears his name and will soon start to anticipate pleasurable activity to come when you then give the attention getting word or string of words you have chosen prior to the treat being given.

Remember when training always try to end on a high and keep your training sessions fun and frequent.

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