

Errorless No Hand Mugging and start of Leave it

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Drop a few treats on the snuffle mat to get handler ready. Handler is sitting on a low surface, hands and treat pouch behind the back, dog in front on a snuffle mat.

Note: The snuffle mat or hairy rug helps slow the pup down and increase sniffing so he doesn't get frantic.

Can use this exercise to teach a "get it off the floor" marker word. **Clean up**

	When pup raises his head, mark "clean up" THEN place a treat on the snuffle mat
	Repeat the above by alternating the hand you use to place the treat. Be still when saying Clean up
	Watch for the pup looking in your general direction before you mark
	Over the course of several reps, move your hands less and less behind your back
	Sometimes wait 2 sec for the pup to make direct eye contact before marking. But usually mark within 1 sec of the pup raising his head and orienting in your direction even if eye contact is not given.
	When the pup is consistently offering eye contact, gradually extend your hands with treats in them (fingers down) toward the pup and hold them there between reps. He should ignore them.
	See if he knows the verbal cue by saying marker for eye contact then dropping a treat out of a still hand.
	Now turn over your hands with treats in them (fingers up) and gradually open them. Pup should continue to ignore them.
	Practice in multiple locations
	Move to "leave it" work sheet