

Drop it (& resource guarding prevention)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndTiVOCNY4M&t=207s>

Wander around boring area with pup. Say “Drop it” and then drop several treats on the ground. Point out treats pup has missed because this gets pup used to hands near the dropped item later.

Repeat above while I’m sitting, point out dropped treats and pet pup while he eats them

Repeat in many random places and while doing various things
While carrying things/hands full, while my “attention is elsewhere”

Repeat with dog in different positions, sit, down, stand, on mat, etc.

While dog has low value toy, say “drop it” and toss food. Do not get the toy, let the dog go back to it. But do put hand near it to point out the treats on the floor.

Repeat with different objects dog can have

“cue”- drop food- pick up toy briefly while dog is eating and then give toy to the pup when he finishes eating.

Sometimes take toy, sometimes leave it for the pup

Toss toy for pup and say “drop it” then toss treats while pup is running with the toy.

Use a toy the dog wants more. With tug toy, sometimes you can keep hold of it and other times, drop it along with the treats for pup to get.

Get dog more excited with play, stop, say release and drop treats. If dog has trouble, make the treats more exciting by flicking them around. Don’t take the toy.

Can toss another toy after saying “drop it” instead of treats

Use frozen hotdog and as soon as pup gets mouth on it, “drop it” then treat/toy toss

Gradually increase duration of hold and thawing of hot dog

Release is implied for field work, so teach a voluntary release after recall to field “heel” position.