

ENGAGE-DISENGAGE / LOOK AT-LOOK AWAY



SUPPLIES

1. **VERY** HIGH-VALUE REWARD PAIRED WITH MARKER
2. IF USING TREATS: TREAT POUCH /CONTAINER
3. MARKER

STAGE 1: ENGAGE

1. FIND A LOCATION AND DISTANCE WHERE PET WILL NOT OVER-REACT TO TRIGGER.
2. MARK AS SOON AS HE NOTICES TRIGGER (AKA ENGAGES)
3. RIGHT AFTER THE MARK...
 - A. IF HE TURNS AWAY FROM TRIGGER AND LOOKS TO YOU FOR THE REWARD: KEEP REPEATING THIS STEP.
 - B. IF HE IGNORES THE MARK: SPEND MORE TIME AT STEP 1 ABOVE. AND/OR MOVE FURTHER FROM TRIGGER. AND/OR GET A BETTER REWARD.
5. REPEAT AT VARIOUS ANGLES, DISTANCES, AND LOCATIONS UNTIL YOU NOTICE HIM TURNING TO YOU VERY QUICKLY AND EASILY
6. IN THE NEXT REP, WHEN HE LOOKS AT THE TRIGGER, RIGHT AT THE MOMENT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO MARK, WITHHOLD THE MARK FOR ABOUT 1-5 SECS
7. WITHIN THE 5 SECS...
 - IF HE TURNS TO YOU AS IF TO SAY: "HEY! WHERE'S MY MARK?!", GO TO STAGE 2
 - IF HE'S STILL LOOKING AT TRIGGER AFTER 5 SECS, SPEND MORE TIME AT STAGE 1

STAGE 2: DISENGAGE

1. WHEN YOUR PET **VOLUNTARILY** TURNS AWAY FROM THE TRIGGER (WITH **NO** PROMPTING) WITHIN 1-5 SECS, MARK AT THIS NEW POINT
 - NOTE: THEY DON'T HAVE TO LOOK AT **YOU** BUT THEIR EYES NEED TO COME **OFF** THE TRIGGER
2. REPEAT UNTIL YOUR PET EASILY AND REGULARLY LOOKS AT AND QUICKLY AWAY FROM THE TRIGGER
3. REPEAT AT VARIOUS INTENSITIES AS INSTRUCTED
4. IF YOU SEE ANY REACTIVITY, YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR TOO FAST AND NEED GUIDANCE.

