

# Leave It



**GOAL** Dog refrains from touching high value food or novel item on ground when prompted "leave it."

Start with step 1. Repeat until your dog gets 5 in a row correct, then move to next step. If dog misses 3 in a row, drop to previous step.

- 1** Hold a piece of smelly, high value food inside of your closed hand. Your dog will investigate. When s/he stops for 1 second, give a treat from your other hand.
- 2** Hold a piece of smelly, high value food in the middle of your open palm. Present the hand to your dog. If your dog tries to get the food, close your hand. Reopen your hand, when s/he stops for 1 second, give a treat from your other hand.
- 3** Hold a piece of smelly, high value food in the middle of your open palm. Present the hand to your dog. If your dog tries to get the food, close your hand. Reopen your hand, when s/he stops for 3 seconds, give a treat from your other hand.
- 4** Repeat step 3, but say "Leave It" before presenting open hand. Say "Take It" prior to providing the treat to eat.
- 5** Crouch down, say "Leave It," then place a piece of high value food on the floor. If dog tries to get the food, cover it with your hand or foot. When s/he looks away or at you for 1 second, say "Take It," then give treat from other hand. Remove food on floor.
- 6** Crouch down, say "Leave It," then place a piece of high value food on the floor. If dog tries to get the food, cover it with your hand or foot. When s/he looks away or at you for 3 seconds, say "Take It," then give treat from other hand. Remove food on floor.
- 7** "Accidentally" drop a piece of food on the floor (be ready to cover), say "Leave It." If dog tries to get the food, cover it then remove the cover. When s/he looks away or at you for 3 seconds, say "Take It," then give treat from other hand. Remove food on floor.
- 8** "Plant a piece of food in your home (don't let your dog see it). Using your walking set up, go for a walk in the house. When you happen upon the planted food, say "Leave It." When s/he looks away or at you for 1 second, say "Take It," then give treat from other hand. Remove food on floor.

