Teaching a Dog to Lay Down

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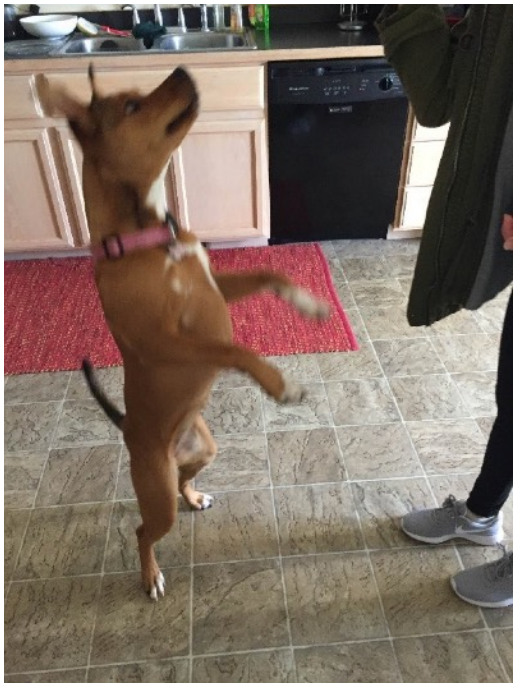
Materials

Materials Needed	Name	Quantities Needed
	Treats	Multiple (for how many times you practice)
	Leash	1 (Optional)

Review

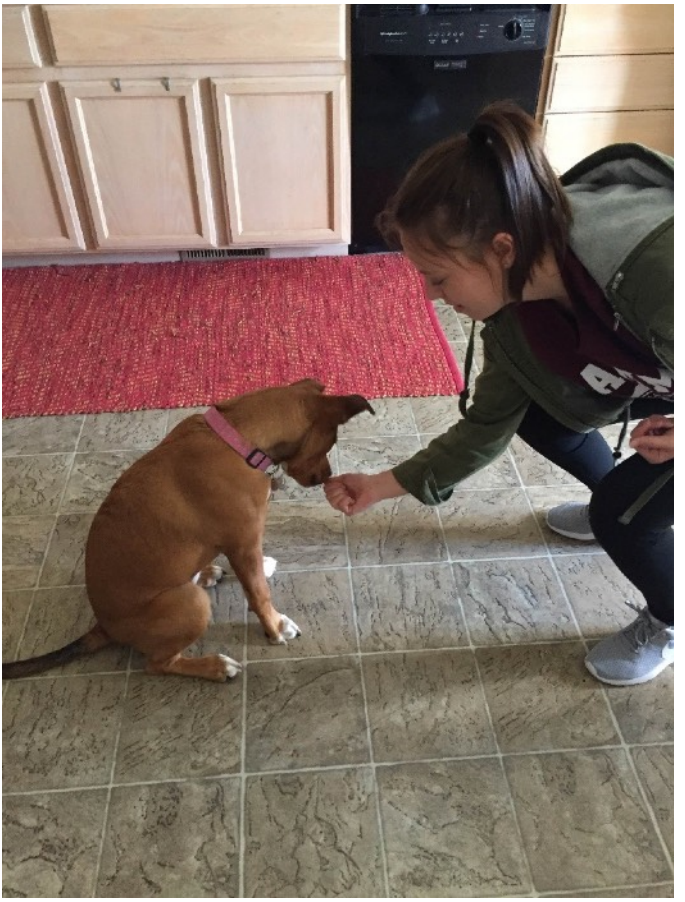
Do not use the phrase “Lay Down” or “Down” until your dog has the motions mastered. Dog may get confused and act out.



1. Make sure your dog knows how to sit before you try to teach it how to lay down.

2. After dog is sitting, put a treat in your hand and make a **fist**. Face your fist upward so your dog can smell the treat.

3.After your dog notices the treat, drop your closed fist slowly straight down to the floor.



4.Drop your fist until your dog **hunches** over.

5. Drag your fist toward you and keep it on the ground. Your dog should **stretch** all the way out.

6. Once your dog is completely down, **praise** them by cheering, “Yes!” and give them a treat.

Conclusion

Practice makes perfect. Teaching a dog to lay down takes time and a good **attitude**.

Comprehension Questions:

1. What must your dog be able to do before they learn to lay down?

2. What should you do when your dog properly lays down?

3. What do you believe is the most important step?

Glossary

Fist- When one's hand is closed tightly with fingers curled in.

Hunches- Bent or curled over.

Stretch- To extend or contract body parts or objects.

Praise- Positive feedback (can be words or physical actions).

Attitude- A person's outlook on a certain matter (can be positive or negative).

Works Referenced

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Common Core State Standards

RI.3.7 Use information gained from illustrations and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding in the text

RI.3.3 Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas, or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect

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