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### Shake Hands

Getting your dog to shake hands just like any other trick... is all about perseverance!

Start by asking your dog to sit. Then say in a clear voice 'Shake hands' or if you prefer use the 'Paw' command, at which point take his paw in your hand. Hold the paw gently for a few moments then repeat, 'Good Dog!' and generally make a fuss over what he has done. Then let go of his paw.

If you repeat this on a regular basis your dog will begin to understand that when he does this he is awarded with admiration and soon he should give you his paw of his own accord.

### Roll Over

To teach your dog to roll over start by making sure he is on a soft surface such as carpet or grass so that he doesn't hurt his back. Then have your dog lie down on his belly. It is helpful to stand over him or kneel beside him, then hold a treat (concealed in your hand) beside his nose close enough to attract his attention, then move your hand around behind him so that he lies on his side and rolls over. As soon as the roll over is complete tell him what a good dog he is and generally make a fuss over him whilst giving him the well earned treat!

Please note that some dogs don't like to lie on their belly and if you try this a few times and your dog doesn't respond simply choose another trick, after all tricks are meant to be fun for both you and your dog!

## Come

Teaching your dog to come starts with baby steps but in the end it will save you shouting like a banshee whilst running down the street after your dog, so we believe its certainly worth the effort!

Start by having your dog sit in front of you. Using a dog whistle (which can be found in most pet stores) blow the whistle once then give your dog a treat and/or repeat 'good dog' whilst making a fuss over him. This will help your dog build the association between the whistle and a reward. Repeat this several times each day, gradually increasing the distance between you and your pet. Your dog should soon return every time you blow the whistle, after all with a tasty treat and lots of attention who wouldn't!

Now you're over the hardest part, begin to use the whistle from different parts of your home, then when you think he is ready move outside (it is advisable to stay within fenced areas only). By this time your pet should be returning every time you blow the whistle, if he doesn't then its time to move back a few steps and reduce the distance until your pet is certain it's worth coming when the whistle is blown!

## Shush

Teaching your dog to shush is easiest when your dog already knows how to speak but is certainly not impossible if he doesn't know the speak command.

Start by either telling your dog to speak or catch him while he is barking and stand directly in front of him whilst saying firmly 'Quiet!'. As soon as the barking stops give your dog a treat and/or make a fuss over him telling him he's a good dog. Even if your dog has stopped simply to take a breath this is an ideal time to commend him for stopping barking and providing you do this immediately he will soon understand the association between quiet and a reward.

Practice 'quiet' with your dog on a regular basis and not only will he will soon love the word but you will finally get some peace by gradually increasing the quiet time from 2 seconds to 5 and so on!

*Good Luck!*