

Take and Drop
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Please don't use the cues "TAKE" and "DROP" until you've successfully done this exercise about five times

Select one of your dog's toys
Offer it to your dog, wiggling it to encourage her to take it
When she places it in her mouth give her lots of praise
Let her play with it for a few seconds

Put a treat in your fingers of one hand
Place your other hand under the dog's mouth
Position the treat under her nose
As she takes the treat she'll drop the toy

Ready to introduce the cues "TAKE" and "DROP"?
Just as she puts the toy in her mouth say "TAKE"
As she opens her mouth to release the toy say "DROP"

A few hints:

If your dog is

reluctant to take a toy experiment with other items until you find something she'll easily take

too excited about the toy find something she has less interest in

uninterested in dropping the toy either use a less exciting toy or a more interesting treat

dropping the toy before you're ready to receive it either use a more exciting toy or a less interesting treat