



Charging the Clicker or “Yes”

The purpose of this exercise is to train your dog (*by association*) that the sound of the click or the word “Yes” means something wonderful is coming. The most important thing to remember is not to give your dog any signal (like reaching for a treat, pointing the clicker toward her, or reaching toward her with the treats) other than the click or bingo word that a treat is coming.

- Prepare about ten small, high-value treats
- Settle yourself comfortably with your dog near you. Your dog does not need to be in a specific position for this.
- Load one hand with the treats but out of your dog’s view.
- With your clicker in the other hand, click or “yes” and give a treat from your hand, be sure to click or “yes” **before** delivering the treat and vary the times in between.
- If your dog shies away from the click or leaves the area, stop the session. Muffle the clicker by wrapping it in a towel or similar soft, thick cloth until you can barely hear it and begin again. As your dog begins to respond to the muffled sound by looking for the treat, gradually unwrap the clicker.
- Repeat this twice a day for a couple of days before each training session.
- You will know you have completed this process when your dog orients to the sound and looks for the treat when she hears the click or bingo word.

If you find you are struggling to help your dog using these tips, you can always call our Help Line at 403-723-6019, book a consultation via our website at

<https://www.calgaryhumane.ca/services/pet-training/private-consultations/>

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