

Agility Right from the Start: Chapter 12- Noise

Print these exercises so you can easily take them with you during your next training session.

Exercise 27: Classically condition your dog to enjoy noise

1. Make a noise.
2. Give your dog a tasty treat.
3. Wait for several seconds or more.
4. Make a noise again.
5. Give another treat.
6. Repeat until your dog pricks his ears and looks expectant when he hears the noise.

Suggested tag points:

- Noise first
- Treat after noise

Notes for exercise 27:

Exercise 28: Teach your dog to create noise through you- hand touch version

1. Hold out your hand.
2. Your dog offers a hand touch.
3. Make a noise (such as slapping the table, or banging a pot).
4. Deliver a fabulous reward.

Suggested tag points:

- Make noise after the behavior
- Deliver reward after the noise

Notes for exercise 28:

Exercise 29: Teach your dog to create noise on his own

Criterion: Shifts from “nose pointing toward construction” toward “knocking down the construction”

1. Arrange a construction that your dog can knock down easily.
2. Play with your dog while transporting him to a starting position close to the construction.
3. End the transport.
4. Immediately click for nose pointing toward the construction.
5. Reward ahead, in the direction you want your dog to work.
6. Continue shaping, clicking, and treating for looking at, moving toward, and interacting with the construction.
7. If your dog actually knows down the construction, click the toppling.
8. Reward generously while the construction is falling down and making noise.
9. When you wish to end the session (or when your dog has knocked the construction over), use the final reward as a transport to move your dog away from the construction or to keep him occupied until you've rebuilt it and are ready to have another go.

Suggested tag points:

- Reward toward equipment

Notes for exercise 29:
