How to Teach 'Stand'

Practical Uses

Stand is useful in a number of situations:

- Your vet will love you if you can get your dog to 'stand' for examination
- Your groomer will love you if you can get your dog to 'stand' for grooming
- Your dog will be easier to brush if he will 'stand' happily
- 'Standing' makes your dog easier to check over for ticks and parasites

Method

1. Hold a treat (or toy) in your fingers and put the treat near your dog's nose.
2. **SLOWLY** move the treat level with the dog's nose away from the dog.
3. Your dog should follow the treat and his body should move into a stand.
4. Mark (say 'Yes!') **immediately** and reward.
5. Allow him to move around and repeat steps 1-4 until he offers a stand in response to your hand movement. (**DO NOT** use a verbal command to stand until you have the behaviour happening **CONSISTENTLY** in response to your hand signal.)

6. Try using a hand signal (palm facing out, slowly move your hand from your dog's face out toward the direction you would like him to face when standing) WITHOUT a food treat. Use a treat as a reward rather than a lure.
7. When your dog responds 8 times out of 10 tries to a hand signal alone **THEN** you are ready to start naming the 'Stand'. Say 'Stand' immediately before you give the dog a hand signal to drop. Mark and reward.

Troubleshooting

1. **Instead of standing in the one spot your dog moves forwards towards you**
   You are moving your hand too far away from the dog. Stop moving your hand the second your dog is in a standing position. If you need to move your hand slightly back into the dog to steady him.

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