

How to Train “Leave It”

1. Place your puppy’s food or favorite treats in both hands
2. Put one hand behind your back
3. Show your puppy the treat/food in the other hand but close it before he/she can get to it
4. Your puppy will start to sniff and nuzzle your hand to try to get to the treats but will eventually get a little frustrated and take his/her nose away from your hand
5. The second they remove their nose from your hand, say “leave it” and reward them with treats/food from the hand behind your back, do not give them the treats from the hand they were trying to nuzzle.
6. Do this multiple times until they remove their nose from your hand as soon as you say, “leave it”.

How to Train “Drop it”

1. Wait until your puppy has something in his/her mouth (can be anything except food)
2. Show your puppy a treat or some food and they should drop what is in their mouth to get the treat/food
3. The second they drop what is in their mouth say, “drop it” and reward them
4. Do this multiple times until they drop what is in their mouth as soon as you say, “drop it”
5. They should be able to drop anything including food once they are completely trained

With any training you should be very diligent with a puppy but continue through adulthood and periodically go through training routines. This way they will stay fresh and not lose what they were taught.