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🎯 Location Specific Markers (LSM)

During all game-based courses, we will delve into the concept of Location Specific Markers. These verbal marker words are pivotal in communicating to your dog how rewards will be coming, fostering clarity, and expediting their learning process.

Introduction to LSM:

LSM offer clear indication to your dog regarding the way rewards will be delivered. This clarity enhances comprehension and accelerates training progress.

Anke's Dog Training LSM used in this course:

1. 👀 **Search** – Tells your dog they can seek out treats on the floor
2. 🎬 **Get it** – Take the item directly in front of you.
3. 🚶 **Go "[Activity]"** – utilise this marker to grant permission for your dog to engage in a preferred activity, such as swimming. Go through your dog's reinforcement list to align with your dog's unique preferences and interests.
4. 🍪 **Cook** – The cookie is coming to your mouth.
5. 🎮 **Strike** – Take the toy in my hand and play with me.
6. 🌮 **Meal** – Take the reward from the dish.

Other cues you hear me say:

1. **Break** – Signals your dog to leave their current position and locate the highest value, ideally this is your Reinforcement Zone (RZ).
2. **Hop it up** – Go to your designated place or spot.
3. **In your crate** – go into your crate.

Exploring Reinforcement Options:

- Identify Life Reinforcers: Evaluate various safe activities that your dog finds rewarding, such as swimming or playing retrieve.
- Create value – with game-based learning, we create a lot of value for ourselves. We can use this value to give our dog's what they want by working with us. Don't be surprised by finding your dog having so much joy working with you, the activity is reinforcing!

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- Ensure Safety: While some reinforcers may not be suitable for training purposes, many will be safe and effective.

By implementing LSM and utilising your dog's reinforcement list, you'll enhance engagement, deepen the bond with your dog and create value for working with you.

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