HUNTING GAMES – GROWING TOGETHER

Game 29 - Find Me

Hide around the house for your dog to find you!

🎾 Why This Game Matters

We are going to play Hide 'Mn Seek around the house. It is so much fun for both of you. You are creating more value for your dog to focus on you. It puts more money into the recall account. Use your imagination for hiding spots!

🎾 What You'll Need

- Your dog
- High-value tug toy or high-value treats

🎾 Step-by-Step-Guide

1. Set Up

Before you start playing, you want to make sure that you have tidied the area of anything that might be valuable to your dog. There should be no distractions. If you have a Happy Helper, ask them to hold your dog while you go and hide. You can play this game on your own, too.

If your dog has separation anxiety, it is best to let them see when you leave the room (with or without a helper). Don't go too far away and make it a super short and fun session. Play this only every other day to build and grow your dog's confidence.

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2. Build the Behaviour with a helper

- Ask your helper to hold your dog while you go and hide.
- Make a goofy noise to get your dog's attention.
- If your dog is looking for you but struggles to find you, make another small sound.
- Wait until they find you, have a big celebration when they do!

3. Build the Behaviour on your own

There are two options:

- Sneak out the room when your dog is distracted or busy with something else.
- Use Crate Games when you know your dog is going to stay in the crate when you leave the room.

4. Add a Layer

When your dog has been reliable in finding you with goofy noises, start using their recall word!

🎾 Troubleshooting

My dog is not interested.

Play this game when your dog is already excited to see you. For example, when you come home or after they had a bath. Keep session short and fun.

🎾 Daily Use

Balance is the key with this game. Hide and call your dog about 10 times through the day. Watch their body language, if we overdo this game, we could create anxiety in the dog for not knowing where you are.
When your dog is good in finding you and come running when they hear you call, play this game in different environments in and around your house.

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