HUNTING GAMES – GROWING TOGETHER

🎾 Game 30 – Matching RZ

Can your dog match your speed in RZ?

🎾 Why This Game Matters

This game is teaching our dogs that it pays when we “keep up”, “slow down” or stop when we do. Being at your seam leads to good things!

🎾 What You’ll Need

- High value treats
- Leash
- Toy
- Distractions Level 4 – 7
- Phone on Tripod

🎾 Step-by-Step-Guide

1. Set Up

Play this game in a low distracting, safe space. Play off leash.

2. Build the Behaviour

Evaluate your dog’s choice in each step.

- Revisit RZ and Moving RZ
- After a couple of steps, speed up
- Resume to your normal walking speed
- Slow your speed down
- Resume your normal speed
- Take some turns
- Stop
- Walk backwards
- Change direction (turn into your dog)

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3. Add a Layer

Add distractions to the game. Start with level 4 and gradually work your way up to level 7.

4. Raise Criteria

Play this game in different environments. Add your dog's leash to the game. Gradually increase distractions.

🎾 Troubleshooting

My dog is not following me when I turn.

Revisit Moving RZ.

My dog goes for the distractions.

Play at the level your dog can match your RZ and reward generously. Increase your distance.

🎾 Daily use

This game is great to evaluate your dog's level of focus. Do you need to adjust your distraction list? Mix up your reinforcers:

- treats
- treat diving
- toy play
- environmental reinforcers
- seeing people

🎾 Checklist

1. Did you review your session?
2. Do you need to adjust your distraction list?
3. Is your dog happy to play on both sides?

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