HUNTING GAMES – THE FOUNDATIONS

🎾 Game 17 – Give it a cue

Name it once it's reliable.

Popular cues are:

- Fetch
- Get it
- Bring me

Choose one and be consistent with it.

🎾 Why This Game Matters

A cue should describe a behaviour, not create it.

🎾 What You'll Need:

- Your dog
- Toy
- High-value treats
- Phone on tripod

🎾 Step-by-Step Guide:

1. Set Up

Pick up and hold must be reliable first.

2. Build the Behaviour

a. place the toy on the floor
b. as your dog approaches, say your cue once
c. play as before

3. Raise Criteria

Reinforce only when your dog picks up, holds and drops after marking.

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🎾 Advancing the Game

Consistent response to verbal cue = ready for Mine Game 18.

🎾 Checklist:

1. Are you consistent with your cue?
2. Are you only marking “average” or “better”?

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