HUNTING GAMES – THE FOUNDATIONS

🎾 Everyday IYC

What are your dog's daily choices?

🎾 Why This Game Matters

Our dog's life is full off choices, but do they always make the good ones? IYC provides great foundations, it is time now to grow this game into a daily exercise. There are many situations where you can play this game and reward your dog's brilliant choice.

🎾 Top Tips for IYC Foundations

- Use high value treats
- Have your hand below your dog's head
- No one is perfect, let joy and confidence guide you
- Your dog should have stopped movement before you open your hand
- Be aware of what behaviour you are reinforcing
- Reinforcement is not a single event:
    - dog stops moving
    - open your hand
    - cue
    - take cookie
    - bring cookie to your dog's mouth
- Change your body position to promote your dog to change theirs
- Incorporate IYC into your daily life
- Resist the temptation to help your dog. It's not about being "right", it's about helping your dog to learn that they can influence the availability of reinforcement.

🎾 Assignment #1 - Everyday IYC Opportunities

Take note of your dog's choices in different situations, environments for one week. What behaviours have you been allowing that you would like to change? What behaviours is your dog rehearsing to perfection?

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Remember, dogs do what is reinforcing to them, what works for them. Behaviour grows because of the reinforcement history!

Environment	Situation	Behaviour rehearsed	Rehearsal frequency	Reinforcement
Kitchen	Preparing food	Dog hangs out near my feet	Daily multiple times	Scavenging food that has been falling to the floor
On a walk		Scavenging ground	Daily multiple times	Random food on the ground

Example List

List of opportunities to grow Everyday IYC

- Opening the treat jar
- Going into the kitchen – review Everyday HZ
- Taking dog dish out
- Preparing dog food
- Placing food down
- Grabbing harness
- Putting on walking shoes
- Filling treat pouch
- Placing dog bowl on the floor
- Doorbell ringing
- Taking a toy
- Putting your hand in a treat pouch
- Putting your hand in a pocket
- Throwing a ball
- Clipping on leash
- Removing leash in a park
- Calling your dog's name
- Someone knocking on the door
- Opening the door when someone knocks
- Opening car boot/door
- Opening a dog food bag
- Refilling the dog cookie jar
- Placing a bowl with food on the floor
- Leaving a plate in reach
- Loading the dishwasher
- Opening the oven

1 Front door IYC

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- Opening the fridge
- Eating within reach of dog
- Leaving the front door open

You see, the list could be endless.

🎾 Take Action

1. Scrutinize

- What inappropriate choices does your dog rehearse that you want to tackle?
- Keep recording for one week in the table above
- Review the provided list above – what impact do these activities have on your dog's behaviour?

2. Prioritize

- What is the most important behaviour you want to tackle?
- What is easiest to incorporate to train every day?

3. Utilize

- What permission can you use in your training after a good choice?
- Do you need help from other people to work through a situation?
- How can you set these situations up to make it a success for your both?

4. Generalize

- Start growing IYC in new environments
- Take it on the road
- Layer the learning to build confidence
- Setup your environment to manage the "choice" not your dog
- Start with kindergarten knowledge and work up to university

5. Capitalize

- Look for good choices you can reward and want to see repeated
- Take note of the inappropriate ones

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Assignment # 2 – New Locations

Make a list of 10 new locations to play IYC over the next week.

Location	Date	Played
On morning walk	12/7/26	Scattered 3 pieces of food prior to walk near our house. Observed Clovers choice when she found them, placed foot over the treats as she was going for them.

Example List

2 Clover watching treats falling

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