HUNTING GAMES – GROWING TOGETHER

🎾 Grow Value, Transfer Value

Build value for toys and transfer this value to low-value toys.

🎾 Why This Game Matters

This game is a great way to get your food motivated dog interested in toy play. You can use this newfound value to transfer it to other toys your dog has not much interest in.

The skill is a prerequisite for “Drive to Toy”.

🎾 What You’ll Need

- Your dog
- Low – to High-value treats
- Food toy e.g. Gamble Ball, Coachi Fetch & Reward, Puppingtons Pods
- Lower value toys
- Clicker (you can use a marker word)
- Phone on Tripod

🎾 Step-By-Step-Guide

1. Set Up

Play in a low distracting environment with only the toys around you intend to play with.

2. Build the Behaviour

- Start by playing with the empty food toy
- Place it on the ground or throw it a short distance
    - click and reward for picking the toy up
    - progress to click/reward for bringing the toy

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3. Add a Layer

- Put a low-value cookie into the food toy
- Click for taking the toy, reward with high-value treats
    - if your dog wants to open the toy, stop the game by taking the toy
    - start again
- Gradually throw the toy further away
- Progress to opening the food toy and let your dog take the cookie
- Replace the low-value cookie and throw again
- Celebrate the return of the toy!

4. Raise Criteria

- Progress to putting high-value cookies into the food toy
- Start with less distance and gradually increase
- Reward with the cookie inside
    - if your dog starts digging at the toy, take a step back
        - reduce distance or reduce value of cookie to medium
- Progress to consistent pick ups

Restrain your dog for more drive:

- Grab your dog's collar and put a bit of pressure on
- Place a cookie into the toy and throw it out
- Release your dog

🎾 Advancing the Game

When your dog has great value for the food toy, you can use this to transfer the value to other toys.

- Combine the food toy with another toy e.g. thread them together on their loops/handles
- Use your Collar Grab to restrain your dog
- Throw the toy combo a short distance away, release your dog

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- Reward with the cookie inside
- Repeat the game
- Once your dog has great value for picking up the combo, start rewarding with another cookie
- Remove the food toy and play with the other toy

🎾 Daily Use

This is a great way to get a food motivated dog to have value for toys. Furthermore by playing this game a few times this week, you can use that value to transfer it to other toys your dog has little interest in.

🎾 Checklist:

1. Did you review your session?
2. Did your dog go out with purpose?
3. Could you transfer the value?

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