HUNTING GAMES – GROWING TOGETHER

🎾 Game 37 – Go!

Harness the Power of Permission!

🎾 Why This Game Matters

Use what your dog loves to help discover what you'd like them to do. This game cleverly transfers the value of the things your dog enjoys onto choosing you.

You will learn to take note of your dog checking out distractions or wanting to access reinforcement – take note and rank them on Your Dog's Distraction/Reinforcement Lists.

🎾 What You'll Need

- Your dog
- High-value treats or toy
- A Happy Helper (high value)

🎾 Step-by-Step-Guide

1. Set Up

Start this game in an environment where you can control the distraction, e.g., playing with a friend/family member who has high value for your dog is ideal.

Your extra person should be familiar with the Collar Grab game.

Prep your helper of what their role is - if your dog leaves work without permission, they should grab your dog's collar but not further engage with them.

2. Build the Behaviour

- Start with your helper close by.
- Ask your dog for a Hand Target → release with "Go see" to your friend.

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- Your helper will play The Collar Grab Game with your dog.
- After 20 seconds of greeting, play “Hold Back Recalls”.

3. Add a Layer

Gradually increase the distance – the recall away from your helper will be longer.

4. Raise Criteria

- Make the behaviours harder
- Introduce other things your dog loves to “go…”
- Make the Recalls longer

🎾 Daily Use

Play 3 – 5 games today. Add different people to the game.

🎾 Troubleshooting

My dog cannot do the behaviour I’m asking for.

The distraction level is too high – simply move a few steps away and ask again.

My dog is leaving without my permission.

Calmly walk over, gently take their collar and walk 15 – 20 steps further back then were you started. Try again. Add more distance if need be. Work your way up closer to the distraction.

My dog is turning around before I called them

They are anticipating the recall and the value for the reward ranks higher. Your helper could give your dog a cookie when they arrive and let the greeting take longer. Move in a little closer and try again.

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Checklist

1. Did you review your session?
2. Did you plan your session?
3. Were your distractions appropriate for your dog to be successful?

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