HUNTING GAMES – GROWING TOGETHER

🎾 Game 39 - Pay Attention

Pay attention, turn with me and good things will happen!

🎾 Why This Game Matters

The Pay Attention game is a fun way to teach our dogs a trigger to turn with us and pay attention to where we are walking.
This skill can be used when we are suddenly faced with a situation we want to get out off or to change directions.

🎾 What You'll Need:

- High value treats
- Leash
- Toy
- Phone on tripod

🎾 Step-by-Step-Guide:

1. Set Up

Start playing this game in a low distracting environment.

2. Build the Behaviour

- Casually walk with your dog.
- As you take a step, say your direction change cue → change direction → reward your dog.
- When your dog has eaten their treat:
  - Say your word
  - change in the other direction
- Play a few repetitions on both sides.
- Play a game of tug to break up the session.

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3. Add a Layer

- Say your cue and walk backwards → reward
- Turn into your dog, both facing in the same direction → reward your dog for walking in RZ.
- Repeat these steps a few times and break off with a nice game.
- Play on both sides.

🎾 Daily use

Once your dog is comfortable with this game in a non-distracting environment, start playing this game on your walks. Mix the two parts up and play on both sides. Playing this game randomly or starting your walks with this game will maintain the value!

🎾 Checklist:

1. Did you review your session?
2. Did you break session up with toy play?
3. Does your dog have value for the cue?

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