

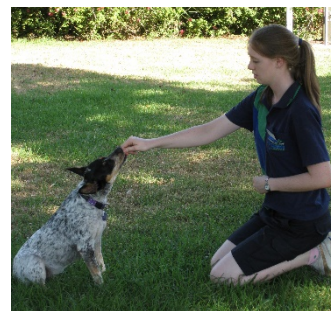


RSPCA School for Dogs Information Sheet

Down/Drop

Step 1

With your dog in the 'sit' position, place a treat close to your dogs nose.



Step 2

Slowly move your hand towards the floor, between your dogs front feet. Generally your dog will lower its body to follow the treat and in doing so will move into the 'down' position.



Step 3

Immediately click and reward your puppy with a treat for moving into the 'Down' position. When you are confident your puppy is lying down in response to the lure, you can begin to add the 'Down' cue the moment your pup is in position then click and offer a treat.



Trouble shooting

- Surface - sometimes using a soft padded surface can be more comfortable.
- Under the leg - some breeds may not be fond of the normal approach and may need to use the under the leg approach. Sit on the ground, next to your dog and make a bridge with your leg and lure your dog under your leg with a treat so they have to get into the down position to get under your leg. Click and reward the moment their chest hits the ground.