



Name Game

What is the behavior?

Calling your dog's name and getting your dog to give you attention (a tilted ear, a turned ear, or better they turn their head to you or eye contact).

What is the purpose of this behavior?

- Getting them to recognize what their name is
- Getting their attention
 - This should not be a good or bad thing. It is just about getting them to focus on you
- Redirection tool to get their attention away from something else
 - This is only about getting their attention, nothing else

How to train it:

1. Say your dog's name ONE time.
2. If they do not respond in any way, make kissy noises, smacking sounds, whistle, pat your leg, or any other positive/fun way to get their attention.
3. As soon as they twitch their ear, turn their head or even better give you eye contact, mark the moment with a 'yes' and treat (or give attention/play).