



# Touch

## **What is the behavior?**

Having the dog place their nose onto the handler's hand. Either use a flat palm, a fist or 2 fingers together. Use something that will not be confused with other cues such as shake.

## **What is the purpose of this behavior?**

- Redirection tool (nipping, barking, pulling, moving them out of the way, jumping)
- Loose Leash Walking (redirect to the side of handler, touch to redirect from pulling, when people or dogs' approach on leash)
- Vet office (to get on weight, closer to vet)
- Recall (use it as a come)

## **How to train it:**

1. Place your hand 5-10 inches away from your dogs' nose. Wait until they touch their nose to your hand, mark the moment with a "yes", then treat. If they do not touch their nose to your hand take your hand away and present it again a little closer. If you are still struggling, rub a smelly treat onto your hand.
2. Start with one hand, slowly making your hand further and further away.
3. Then start using your other hand to do the same thing. Start close then slowly move further and further away.
4. Eventually you will be able to call your dog from across the room with a touch.