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TEACHING NEW CUES

If a dog has learned to respond to a verbal cue and you wish to teach a new cue for that behavior structure the situation so that the new signal or cue is given slightly before the already learned verbal cue.

The dog will notice the new signal/ cue and will learn that the new signal predicts the verbal signal. Once this is learned the dog will respond to the new cue/ signal in anticipation of the verbal signal. Then you can drop the verbal signal.

For example: I like dogs to learn that my hand on the door knob means sit. I would place my hand on the door knob, rattling it slightly to get the dog's attention and then say SIT. I would reward the SIT and repeat. The dog will quickly learn to sit when the hand touches the door knob.

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