

WHERE ART THOU?

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Training Tip Tuesday: Where art thou?

Many of the things we want our dog to do rely on one simple thing – having a dog that WANTS to be close to us! From having a solid recall, to making loose leash walking look like a breeze; teaching our dogs to enjoy being near has many benefits! It's fun and easy; can be played by adults and kids alike and benefits dogs of any age, breed or training level!

The concept is simple; reward the dog for being close! Get a handful of yummy treats. Any time the dog comes in to you, he gets a reward! You can stand, sit in a chair, or lay on the floor. If your dog comes close, he gets a treat! Once he's got the hang of it; you can toss a treat away from you and see what he decides to do when he's done eating. If he reorients himself to you – reward! Don't call him; let him make the choice on his own. If he wanders off, just end the game and go back to a simpler version. Once he's got the idea, you can take it on the road! Start practicing at the park, down the road, etc...

Remember – reward where you want the dog to be! If you want him lined up on your left side, then reward from your left leg! If you want him lined up in front, reward from in front!

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