

# TRICK TRAINING MASTERCLASS - Week 4 notes



## My Dog Can Read!

For this trick, we use the new cue on cue technique (NCOC) explained in the video.

- Ensure your "Down" is off verbal cue only
- Present the flash card, after 0.5 seconds give your verbal down cue
- Leave 1 second between card and verbal prompt

Gradually increase time between new cue of flash card and giving the prompt - until dog downs on site of card.

## Roll Over

The roll over is a very physical trick! Those with large long-legged dogs might find teaching this easier by standing up so you can negotiate around the long legs easier! Rolling over is quite a vulnerable thing to do, and something some dogs do not find easy, try using a duvet lying on the floor to cushion the 'landing'.

Step one is to make sure the dog can easily 'hip switch'.

Hip switches: Know the difference between 'down' position with legs tucked, and 'proper down' with his hip resting and legs kicked out to the side. This is what we are trying to achieve first of all.

Lure dogs head with a treat towards one side of their body, so that the dog moves its hind limbs over onto their hip.

- Click point when weight shift clearly happens. Now move to the other side and lure the dog back around in rest on the other hip.

Beginning the roll over: Again we are luring the dogs head with a treat.

Your click points are:

- Dogs nose towards back hip
- Dogs nose around the back of their front shoulder
- Opposite front shoulder touches floor
- Spine touches floor (dog on back)
- Other shoulder touches floor (full roll)
- Fade the lure (slowly a little at a time into a hand gesture)

## Homework

Practice EVERYWHERE to proof your work for differing environments. The key to successful dog training is training well initially (which you are of course doing) then taking the new behaviour on the road to practice in a million different arenas. So when you need your dog to perform for you - they are well prepped and unfazed by the environment.

Tell us how you are doing on the FB group, and don't forget the live Q&A on Monday @7pm Xx

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