



## The Foundation Behaviour Reflex to Name

<b>Reflex to Name – or retraining a new name on adoption</b>			
<b>Requirements</b> – Training Lead, Treats, Dish			
<b>Reminder</b> – Marker Word is GOOD!			
<b>Current Behaviour</b>	Not great of responding to the dog's name	<b>Goal Behaviour</b>	Responds to their name
<b>Preparation</b>	<p>Making sure that there is a clear space to work in the home. Push chairs and tables out of the way. Treats are in training pouch or pocket at this stage. Your dog has his training lead and harness on, if needed</p> <p><i>We will be rewarding the dog in this case the dog's name is 'North' when we say the name, it does not matter that there is no response, we toss a treat within 2 seconds</i></p>		
Step 1	<p>Getting yourself comfortable – you can be sitting in a chair or even on the floor (if safe to do so)</p> <p>Gently say 'North' and from your pocket of hot dog, cheese or other high value treat, you take one out and within 2 seconds toss the treat on the floor</p> <p>Dog locates the treat</p>		
Step 2	After a few seconds, say dog's name 'North', wait one second and reward		
Step 3	After four seconds, say dog's name 'North', wait one second and reward		
Step 4	After three seconds, repeat		
Step 5	After six seconds, repeat		
Step 6	After two seconds, repeat (varying the time in between using the name 'North')		
Step 7	After ten seconds, repeat		
Step 8	After eight seconds, repeat		
<b>Repetitions</b>	Do about 25 – 30 repetitions of 'North' and treat – vary time in between the treat and cue		
<p>Say <b>NOTHING</b> between the steps. Name, wait 1 second reward, repeat.</p> <p>Do this about 3 to 4 times a day. <b>There are no expectations for your dog to respond to his name.</b></p> <p>After two days – change the location and have the treats in different locations – on a table, outside on a chair</p> <p>After a few more days of practice your dog may literally head snap around to his name, mark it</p>			



'GOOD' then wait a second and reward.

**Take it on the road – use it in the recall game**  
**Take it on the road – use it on loose lead walking**

Think – only use his name when you are asking YOUR DOG to do something. Don't wear it out! 😊

Read '**Proofing**' and '**Positive Associations**'