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Fading the lure

Let's break down a sit behaviour.

Gaining the behaviour

1. You take the treat up over the dog's head and the bottom goes down you mark with a clicker or a 'marker word' 'GOOD' and deliver the treat.

You repeat this 3 – 4 times.

2. Next time you have no treat in the hand, but using the 'behaviour momentum' you gain the behaviour and the dog sits, you mark GOOD, or click and get a treat from your treat pouch or from a tub on a nearby table. Fab!

You repeat this 3 – 4 times

You may leave it here for now and come back later that day or the next day.

3. You do the treat in hand once and the bottom goes down, GOOD or CLICK and reward

4. You do the no treat in hand, and the bottom goes down, GOOD or CLICK and reward

5. You then give the cue 'sit', no treat in hand but same physical cue, the bottom goes down, GOOD or click and reward

6. You then give the cue 'sit', no treat in hand, but lessen the physical cue help (the sign that you give for the sit behaviour), the bottom goes down 'GOOD OR CLICK' and reward.

Repeat a few times. If at any time the dog does not get what you require you have gone too quick through the steps. Go back a step and repeat!

7. Start 1 step below where you finished off, or work through the steps in their entirety. Up to you. Ok, we have some 'behaviour momentum' happening.

8. You give the cue 'sit' and wait and see what the dog does, let them think, as they will work this all out. The bottom goes down 'GOOD or CLICK' and reward.

Repeat a few times. If at any time the dog needs to go back a step – remember they have their best time for learning too. Just end on a success rather than on a frustrated failure.

Now you are ready for the change of location – see **PROOFING THE BEHAVIOUR** training sheet.