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## The Foundation Behaviour Touch

<b>Hand Touch</b>			
<b>Requirements</b> – Training Lead, Treats, Dish			
<b>Reminder</b> – Marker Word is GOOD!			
<b>Current Behaviour</b>	Has no inclination to check in with the owner	<b>Goal Behaviour</b>	Touch the hand when given either the cue or the hand signal
Preparation	You will need access to some treats and a little space. This is a building block to good heel work, good recall or let's go the other way when out and about.		
Step 1	Get a ½ pea sized or pea sized treat – depending on the size of the dog. Cross your thumb over your palm so that it touches the base of the ring finger Place the treat under the thumb by the ring finger		
Step 2	Present 'Bear' with the folded over palm of the hand Usually dogs will investigate this and as soon as their nose touches your palm, release the treat – repeat 3 – 6 times		
Step 3	Present 'Bear' with the folded over thumb in palm of the hand Bear touches his nose to the treat, say 'GOOD' and release the treat. Repeat 3 – 6 times		
Step 4	Present 'Bear' with the folded over thumb in the other hand Bear touches his nose to the treat, say 'GOOD' and release the treat. Repeat 3 – 6 times		
Step 5	Changing the picture - Present 'Bear' with the folded over thumb in the other hand in different ways, over your head initially, out to the size, close to the floor, between your legs, change your position, offer it with your side to him, offer it with your back to the dog, offer it between your legs with your back to the dog. Change it continually to keep the dog guessing but responding to the hand signal		
Step 6	Fading the lure – do the same as Step 1, 2, 3, 4 and 4, say good however there is no treat in the hand. Say 'GOOD' and then give a treat from a bag, or tub on a nearby shelf or table		
<b>Optional cue</b>	Adding a cue to this is optional as you may want this to just be a Reflex to name and they see the hand signal and come running, or it is above your hip on heel work.		
Step 7	Adding a cue – prior to presentation of the hand signal say 'TOUCH' and then offer the hand (without treat) to associate the verbal command to the hand.		
Step 8	You can transfer this to another part of your body or an object if you want to as you increase the dog's learning history.		