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The 'Look'

Look			
Requirements – Training Lead, Treats, Dish			
Reminder – Marker Word is GOOD! or Clicker			
Current Behaviour	Does not look at owner	Goal Behaviour	To 'Look' at owner instead of something else.
Preparation	<p>You will need access to some treats and a little space.</p> <p>You can use the 'reflex to name' however this is more a cue that is going to develop some duration when that dog, person, cyclist, jogger or bus is approaching. Looking at you becomes so highly reinforced and relaxing that it soothes them to do this instead of an anxious state.</p>		
Step 1	<p>Get a treat</p> <p>Say 'Look' in an animated voice – if the dog looks at you then immediately, mark it with your marker word, then reinforce with a treat.</p> <p>If the dog doesn't look when you say the word, take a treat, pop on it's nose, get it's attention, then take the treat up to your eye (if your dog is able to tolerate this eye to eye contact) then you are after a head turn into your direction, mark this and then reward.</p>		
Step 2	<p>Repeat in a quiet environment about 10 to 15 times – remember reps of 5 are easy to evaluate as 4/5 is 80% so can increase the difficulty at this point. (See the 4 D's)</p> <p>Repeat this exercise during the day at 'boil the kettle moments'</p>		
Step 3	<p>Observing the four 'D's' – increase these in the home, garden, garage gradually so that the dog can perform the 'cued' behaviour well.</p> <p><i>If its a reactive dog the more preparation with this the better so that when faced with a situation that is tolerable to the dog, they offer this behaviour after being cued.</i></p>		
<p>Knowing your dog and their abilities makes this exercise easier for the individual handler. If the dog is great with eye to eye contact then brilliant. If the dog is shy due to past life experience then their requirement until confident enough down the training road, is to turn their head to your direction.</p> <p>Proofing the behaviour in increasingly difficult environments will help to solidify the 'cue' and behaviour, mark and reinforcement.</p>			



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