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The Reactive Dog 'This Way'

This Way (can use Turn, With Me) use a NEW CUE that has not been used for something else			
Requirements – 6 ft Training Lead, Treats, Treat Pouch			
Reminder – Marker Word is GOOD! or Clicker			
Current Behaviour	Stays looking and barking at the stimulus	Goal Behaviour	To do a 180° pivot turn and go in the opposite direction without incident
Preparation	<p>You will need access to some treats and a little space.</p> <p>This needs to be practiced in a calm and quiet environment with little distractions.</p> <p>Dog is on a lead, preferably front clip, however if needs be a Dogmatic™, collar or double point of contact depending on your preference and what the dog is used to working with.</p>		
Step 1	<p>Get a treat</p> <p>Walk along with the dog to the side or slightly in front – avoid more than a metre</p> <p>Call your dog 'Martha' and then pivot your body, going down lower so that you are in your dog's eye line and trot in the opposite direction</p> <p>Martha follows you and you mark 'GOOD' and then you give or toss a treat towards them.</p>		
Step 2	<p>Get a treat</p> <p>Walk along with the dog to the side or slightly in front</p> <p>Call your dog 'Martha' and then 'stoop down' inviting a cue 'This Way' and trot in the opposite direction.</p> <p>Martha follows you and mark 'GOOD' and then give or toss a treat towards them.</p>		
Step 3	<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 in different environments</p>		



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	Repeat this exercise during the day at 'boil the kettle moments'
Step 4	<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 it's 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>The THIS WAY is used when there is NO WAY you are going to get a 'LOOK'</p>
Proofing the behaviour in increasingly difficult environments will help to solidify the 'cue' and behaviour, mark and reinforcement.	