



Teaching a Drop

This is a simple approach to teaching your dog to happily drop whatever is in her mouth when you say “drop”.

You’ll need some high-value treats.

Watch the video at <http://bit.ly/pateldrop> for a demonstration by the man who created this excellent approach.

Teach the Cue

1. Load 4 or 5 treats into your hand.
2. Say “Drop”, then drop the treats on the floor.
3. Bend down and help your dog find all of the treats, pointing them out with your finger. *Pointing out the treats while bending over helps your dog learn that your presence is helpful rather than threatening.*
4. Repeat with random pauses while you look around the room in a disinterested manner.

Strengthen the Cue

5. Vary your position as you say “Drop”. Try it while sitting, walking, etc.
6. Add props such as pushing a broom, putting on your jacket, etc.

Raise the Bar

7. Hand your dog a toy, and then without waiting more than a second say “Drop”, and toss some *amazing* treats on the floor, bending down to point at the them.
8. If your dog drops the toy, you’re on your way! Keep practicing with different objects.
9. If your dog doesn’t drop the toy, back up to step 5 for a bit.
10. When you’re ready to raise the bar again, choose a less valuable object or toy to give your dog.

When starting a new training session, always practice a few iterations at an easier level.