



Susan Garrett's Hand Target Tugs Lesson Plan



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I hope you find this Hand Target Tugs eBook to be a great resource to your dog training.

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Hand Target Tugs

Hand Target Tugs is foundation for a great retrieve and a fun game in its own right. Playing rehearses success for your dog bringing things to your hand.

How to Play

- Come into the game with a good foundation of Hand Targets and your dog's value for targeting your hand.
- Choose a toy that your dog likes but is not 'over the top' about. You want your dog in the zone for optimal performance.
- Warm up with a few hand targets and then break into a game of tug.
- When your dog is tugging, let the tug go, and put your hand out for your dog to bring the toy into your hand. Celebrate with a game of tug when the toy arrives!
- If your dog drops the toy and comes in to hand target, pick up the tug and try again.
- Look for your dog to touch your hand with the tug in their mouth so they are rehearsing bringing a toy to your hand, which is an important element of a great retrieve.
- Let your dog make the choice to bring the toy to your hand without you cajoling or cheerleading. The reinforcement fun happens when the toy is in your hand.
- Work towards playing Hand Target Tugs with your dog's highest value toys.

Playing With Food: If you are using food, play with a toy like a Gamble Ball that will hold cookies. Say "yes" when your dog brings the toy to your hand, and then open it up and give them a cookie.





Hand Target Tugs



Warm up with a game of Hand Targets, then break it off with tugging fun.



When tugging, hold out your target hand and let go of the tug so your dog can bring the toy to your hand.



Celebrate your dog's great choice to target your hand with the toy!

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DogsThat is brought to you by Susan Garrett and the DogsThat Team.

A world-leading educator of dog trainers, Susan is also one of the most successful agility competitors of the last three decades. She has won multiple Gold Medals at National or World Championship events with her dogs over the past 30 years. Susan was one of the very first dog trainers to share knowledge online when she opened her "Clicker Dogs" website many years ago.

Susan has supported hundreds of thousands of people globally with enjoying a great relationship with their dogs through her workshops and keynote speaking around the world, award winning books, DVDs, magazine articles, interviews, blog posts, podcasts, free dog training and dog agility video series, and online dog training programs.

A natural teacher and an entertaining speaker, Susan is world renowned for her dog training knowledge and practical application of that knowledge. Her understanding of how to apply science-based learning principles to both competitive and family pet dog training has been pivotal in changing how dogs are trained.



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