



## Leave It!

Teaching your dog to resist the temptation of something desirable is not only good manners, but also important for your dog's safety. When your dog has a solid "leave it" then this command can be used when you and your dog happen upon yucky things like rotten food, dead animals, cat poop, etc.

### How To:

1. Begin with a fistful of tiny treats.
2. Present your fist to your dog and wait.
3. Your dog will lick, nibble, paw at, or whatever to get at the treats inside.
4. Eventually he will stop for a moment.
5. Mark that moment with your marker word (good/yes) and use your free hand to take a treat from your treat pouch and reward.
6. As your dog starts to hesitate to make contact with your hand upon presentation, you can add the cue "Leave It".