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DOWN!

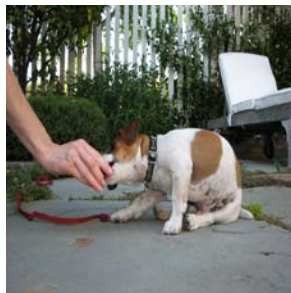
Dogs lie down when they are tired, bored or chewing on something. Very rarely will they lie down when they are in the midst of an activity, so this can be a much harder position to elicit.

You will have to be very patient and determined. I can hear you already! "He won't/can't do it". Of course he can do it! He lies down all the time! The challenge is for you, the trainer to make the down happen upon request. If at anytime in this sequence your pup gets up from the sit, withdraw the treat for a second and then immediately, reposition the sit and start over. Be sure you are using a food lure that your pup REALLY wants!



With puppy dog sitting, s-l-o-w-l-y lower the lure (your hand with the food reward) to the floor in a straight line... s-l-o-w-l-y. You should end up with your lure right between your puppy dog's paws. If all goes well and your puppy dog still has his bum on the ground, s-l-o-w-l-y move your floored lure towards you. If your pup breaks the sit as you lower the lure to the ground try lowering it in smaller increments, e.g., 10% to the ground, then 20%, then 30% etc. He should be nibbling on the treat throughout his movement downwards.

If at anytime in this sequence your pup gets up from the sit, re-position the sit and start over.



Troubleshooting:

As you lure your puppy dog from the sit to the down, he may get up. If that happens quickly recoil the treat and quickly start over. This time go a bit slower and pay close attention to what your hand and your pup are doing. If your pup wants the treat then he will follow your lure to the end of the earth. Most likely, if he continues to break the sit as you lower him into the down, you are making it happen. Once again, you must be patient and persistent.

Often the smaller your pup the harder it is. Not because little dogs are harder to train, but because there is so much less room to make a mistake going from the sit position to the down.

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