

Brain Game – Find It!

Find It! is the ultimate brain game which combines obedience and scent work utilizing a dog's amazing sense of smell and natural instinct to hunt. Ten minutes of *Find It!* and they'll be ready for a nap!

How to teach and play Find It!

1. Ask your dog to Sit, let them sniff a treat (say "Smell It" or "Sniff"). This is how they know what to search for!
 - a. Toss treat 2-3 ft away as you say Find It! Find It! is the release cue.
 - b. Repeat at least 10 times, tossing to the same distance and remember to say Find It! every time.
 - c. Gradually increase distance of toss until it is 8-10 ft away.
2. Once your dog is doing well with finding a treat at a distance of approximately 8-10 ft, it's time to increase the challenge.
 - a. Standing near a doorway or corner wall, ask for a Sit, let them sniff the treat (say Smell it!), then ask for a Stay.
 - b. Walk just a few steps around the corner (out of their sight). Place the treat on the ground, return to your dog (who should still be in a Sit Stay!), and then release them to Find It!
 - c. As they hunt for the treat, they are now using their incredible sense of smell to track it down.

As your dog gets better, increase the challenge by changing up the hiding spot... put it on a higher level like a chair seat or a step, put it behind an open door or under their bed/blanket, or use a toy instead of a treat. You can eventually even start to hide multiple treats. Remember to always let them smell the item first so they know what they are sniffing for!

Happy hunting!