



STAGE 1 Tone & Treat

Dogs learn that the tone means a treat is coming. The tone is then used to signal when a behavior has been performed correctly. The first behavior dogs learn using the tone is to look at you instead of staring at, barking at, or pawing at the MannersMinder™.

OTHER USES

Agility: Go outs, directionals, contacts, teeter, dogwalk, weave poles, and improving speed on equipment.

Obedience: Go outs, directional retrieves.

Household: Crate training, rewarding quiet behavior when the dog is tethered away from the owner or in a separate room, training tricks where you want the dog to focus on the behavior rather than being distracted by your body movement.



STAGE 2: Targeting

Dogs learn to run to and touch a target with their nose in order to earn a treat. This exercise is important for Stage 4 of training and if you plan to use the MannersMinder™ for agility, obedience or training tricks. Dogs that skip Stage 2 tend to lie down in front of the MannersMinder™.

OTHER USES

Agility: Go outs, directionals, contacts, teeter, dog walk, weave poles.

Obedience: Go outs, directional retrieves, heeling.

Tricks: Spin, twist, somersault, training dogs to retrieve or put toys away.....

Household: To play with and exercise dogs. Dogs can run 10-30+ feet to touch the target and then run back to the MannersMinder™ for a treat. Like "Fetch!" but with a target.



STAGE 3: Down-stay

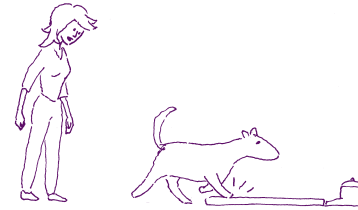
Dogs learn to stay lying down on a rug or bed for at least one minute. This exercise is useful for any low distraction situation where you want your dog to lie down out of your way. It is also a useful step in transforming hyperactive dogs to calm dogs.

OTHER USES

Agility: Control and focus at the start line.

Obedience: Fast drop on recall.

Household: Training dogs to remain lying down while owners eat dinner.



STAGE 4: Place

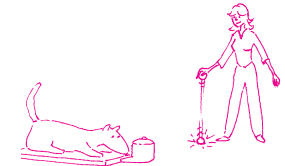
Dogs learn to run to the rug or bed and lie down on verbal cue.

OTHER USES

Dogs have a stronger desire to run to the MannersMinder™ at this stage. So if Stages 1 and 2 are not sufficient for the following exercises, train through Stage 3 first.

Agility: Pause table, go outs, directionals, contacts, teeter, dogwalks and improving speed on equipment.

House hold: Separating dogs by sending them to lie down in their own locations.



STAGE 5: Down-stay with distractions- e.g. dog has completed the protocol

Dogs learn to stay in a down-stay on the rug or bed even with big distractions such as the doorbell ringing, people knocking at the door, toys being tossed.....

OTHER USES

Agility: Stronger down-stay on the pause table.

Obedience: Down-stay in and out of sight. The sit-stay can be rewarded by hand once the down-stay is trained.

Service Dogs: Train dogs to down-stay under tables, in vehicles, etc.

Household: Train dogs to lie in a down-stay while owners eat dinner, answer the door, work with other animals, manage the kids, or otherwise need their dog to lie calmly in the house. The training can also be transferred to outside the house and with rewards other than treats.

Behavior Problems: Separation anxiety (high level): MannersMinder™ allows owners to reward quiet, calm down-stays when they practice graduated departures from the house. Crate training (more difficult dog) Rewarding quiet behavior in anxious dogs. Counter-condition to grooming, toenail trim, hair dryer, scary sounds, and fear-inducing objects that can be presented in a controlled manner.