

Charging Your Clicker

A clicker is a great way to mark the exact moment when your dog succeeds. It's great to use when you need very exact timing for the dog to understand what you want him to do.

However, the clicker, by itself, has no meaning to your dog. In order for your dog to know, we need to give it meaning – or charge it. It's really easy to do! All you need is your dog, your clicker and treats. We recommend charging the clicker in area free from most distractions. Your kitchen, living room or basement should work just fine.

- 1. Have five to 10 treats in the same hand as your clicker
- 2. Click and within three seconds, give your dog the treat
- 3. Repeat with the rest of the treats. Try not to say anything such as "Yes!" or "Good dog!" You want the click to mean everything!

Your dog knows what the click means if you click and he looks at you or comes looking for his treat!

Remember, use the click to reward the behavior you like. Do not click to *get* the behavior.