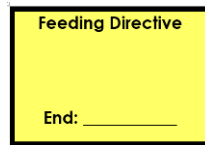


Click to Calm for Dogs

1. Locate the bin with treat pouch, clickers, and notebook in the Dog Walker Station.
2. Get some treats for your pouch in the treat bin on the counter.
 - a. **Remember** – if there are any yellow feeding directive cards on the door, you must only use treats in the dog's personal silver bucket on their kennel.



= No Treats

- b. **Locations** – You can click to calm in **only** these locations:
 - i. Puppy Room
 - ii. Dog Adoptions kennels 1-29
3. Approach Dogs Kennel.
4. If the dog remains calm, click, and toss a treat under the kennel door.
 - a. Calm means no jumping or barking.
5. If the dog is continuing to eat treats and remains calm, try standing near the cage and doing a training session. You will be looking for and clicking relaxed behaviors. Click and treat for any of the following:
 - a. Soft eye contact
 - b. Calm forward movement
 - c. Loose/wiggly body movements
 - d. Four paws on the floor

6. If a dog is barking, approach the dog, wait until the barking stops even for a split second, click, treat, and move on to the other dogs.
7. If a dog is barking persistently, just keep walking and click and treat its quiet neighbors. You can also click/treat any brief moments of silence.
8. You can also lure a dog that is jumping by moving a treat to the ground in front of the kennel. Click and give treat when all paws are on the ground.
9. Record any major behavior changes in the notebook. You do not need to write a note for every animal. List the dog's name and kennel number, then record their behavior.
 - a. Negative reactions
 - i. If the dog is extremely reactive to the clicking– ex. biting the kennel door, growling, excessive barking, etc.
 - ii. If the dog is extremely scared of the clicking – ex. Hiding, shaking, whale eye, etc.
 - b. Positive Reactions
 - i. The clicking seemed to really help the dog settle down or engage in other positive behaviors.

Reminders:

1. If a dog is fearful or shy, you can place the clicker under a small towel or dish cloth. This will make the clicking noise quieter.
2. It's ok if you click at the wrong time, just **make sure to always give a treat after clicking.** Give treats immediately after clicking.
3. Making mistakes won't "hurt" the animals. You are still giving them positive interactions and helping to reduce their stress levels while being in the shelter.