

1-2-3 TREAT: PLAY THE GAME INSTRUCTIONS & DATA SHEET

If you have any questions as you complete the tasks, please refer to the Cognitive Assessments section of our FAQs page located at dogagingproject.zendesk.com.

Please only use this data sheet if you cannot be near your computer or your phone does not have internet in the space where you have set up the 1-2-3 Treat Activity.

For the 1-2-3 Treat Game, you will need your dog, the remaining small treats (at least 30), and a leash and collar or harness. Since you are doing this away from your computer, you will also need a timer that will alert you when 20 seconds have passed. If you do not have one, please get one before proceeding.

Please read the instructions below before beginning the activity.

The 1-2-3 Treat Game will involve all three boxes. Before you start, put the boxes in their respective locations (see diagram on next page), with a corner of the box oriented toward the start line: Box 1 on Mark 1, Box 2 on Mark 2, and Box 3 on Mark 3.

You will begin at the start line with your dog standing on either your right or left side and will need to keep your dog on that side of your body throughout the game. You should hold the leash on the same side as your dog and have 3 treats in your opposite hand. Put your other treats aside, but nearby, as you will need to “refill” at the start of each new round.

On each round, if your dog is on your left side, you will walk your dog in a clockwise loop around the boxes, and if your dog is on your right, you will walk in a counter-clockwise loop around the boxes. This will keep your body between your dog and the boxes. On every round, you will always walk the loop in the same direction and visit Box 1, Box 2, and Box 3 in that order.

On each round, as you and your dog approach each box, you will put a treat in the corner of that box that is closest to the start line. For two of the boxes, you will allow your dog to eat the treat immediately after putting it in the box. For the remaining box, your dog will see the treat being placed in the box but will not be allowed to eat the treat immediately. They will have a chance to search for it after you return to the start line.

For the boxes your dog eats from immediately, it usually helps if you hold the box still with one hand while your dog eats from it so the box remains on its mark and they do not push out of position. If you feel your dog would be uncomfortable with this or if your dog has a history of resource guarding, it's fine to disregard that tip. If your dog nudges the box out of place while eating from it, please reposition the box.

Which boxes your dog does and does not eat from during the baiting process changes on each round, so make sure to pay attention to this each time you reset.

When you have completed your loop around the boxes, your dog will have eaten from two of the boxes, and there will be one treat remaining. Back at the start line, press start on a 20-second timer, and release your dog to find the hidden treat. You can do this by simply letting the leash go slack so the dog can go forward to search or by using a release word such as “Okay” if your dog is familiar with one. Stay behind your dog at this point and let them search independently. Do not guide them or point to the box.

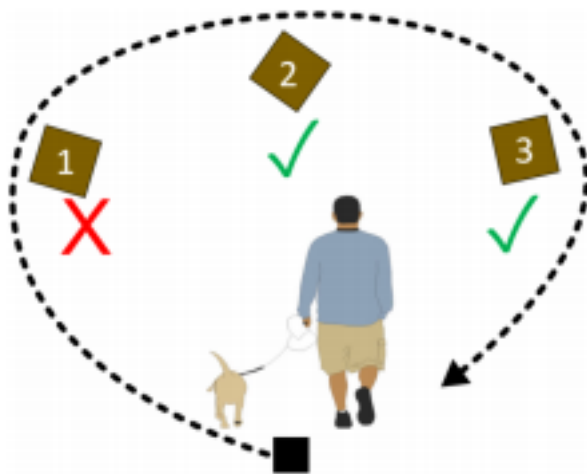
Remember, your dog should only be allowed to search in one box on each round. If your dog places their snout in a box and retrieves the treat or if they place their snout above the opening of a box, you will record that as the box they searched in.

If they attempt to go to another box after their first choice, *please prevent them from doing so.* If your dog does not find the remaining treat on the first try, you should retrieve the remaining treat from the box and not allow your dog to eat it. All of the boxes should be empty at the start of the next round.

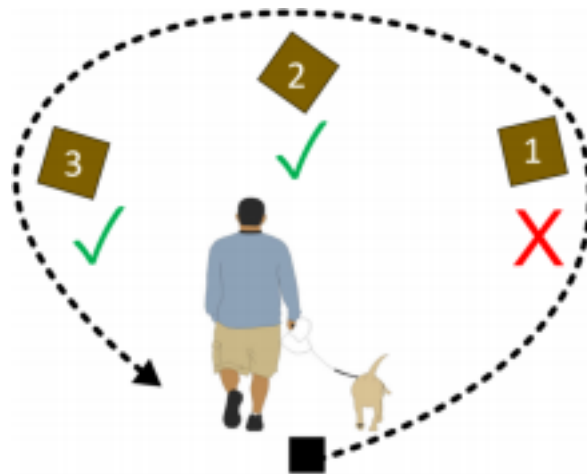
Even if your dog did not find the treat or something went wrong, *it is important that you do not repeat the round.* Your dog will have plenty of additional opportunities to try again. However, if your dog eats the treat before you can even get started, such as while you are baiting the box, it’s okay to start over.

If your dog is not enjoying the activity and you need to stop before you are finished with all 9 rounds, that’s okay. When you return to the computer to enter your dog’s responses to the game, select “My dog is not enjoying the activity, and we need to stop” at the point you decided to stop.

Please continue to the instructions for each trial, which begin on the following page.



Dog on Left Side



Dog on Right Side

Round 1

Refer to the instructions and the diagram above to make sure you understand how the game works before you start. Beginning from the start line, walk the loop around all three boxes and bait each one as you go. On Round 1, your dog will NOT be allowed to eat from Box 1 during baiting, but will be allowed to eat from Box 2 and Box 3 immediately after you place the treat inside.

After you are back at the start line, start the 20-second countdown and release your dog to find the remaining hidden treat. Then indicate the first box your dog searched in below. If your dog doesn't search any of the boxes before the timer expires, select "didn't search in any box." If something went wrong while trying this activity, select "something went wrong."

- ☐ Searched in Box 1 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 2 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 3 first.
- ☐ Didn't search in any box.
- ☐ Something went wrong.
- ☐ My dog is not enjoying this activity, and we need to stop.

Round 2

On Round 2, your dog will NOT be allowed to eat from Box 2 during baiting but will be allowed to eat from Box 1 and Box 3 immediately after you place the treat inside (see the diagrams). After you are back at the start line, start the 20-second countdown and release your dog to find the remaining hidden treat. Then indicate the first box your dog searched in:

- ☐ Searched in Box 1 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 2 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 3 first.
- ☐ Didn't search in any box.
- ☐ Something went wrong.
- ☐ My dog is not enjoying this activity, and we need to stop.



Round 3

On Round 3, your dog will NOT be allowed to eat from Box 3 during baiting, but will be allowed to eat from Box 1 and Box 2 immediately after you place the treat inside (see the diagrams). After you are back at the start line, start the 20-second countdown and release your dog to find the remaining hidden treat. Please indicate the first box your dog searched in:

- ☐ Searched in Box 1 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 2 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 3 first.
- ☐ Didn't search in any box.
- ☐ Something went wrong.
- ☐ My dog is not enjoying this activity, and we need to stop.



Round 4

On Round 4, your dog will NOT be allowed to eat from Box 2 during baiting but will be allowed to eat from Box 1 and Box 3 immediately. Please indicate the first box your dog searched in:

- ☐ Searched in Box 1 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 2 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 3 first.
- ☐ Didn't search in any box.
- ☐ Something went wrong.
- ☐ My dog is not enjoying this activity, and we need to stop.



Round 5

On Round 5, your dog will NOT be allowed to eat from Box 3 during baiting but will be allowed to eat from Box 1 and Box 2 immediately. Please indicate the first box your dog searched in:

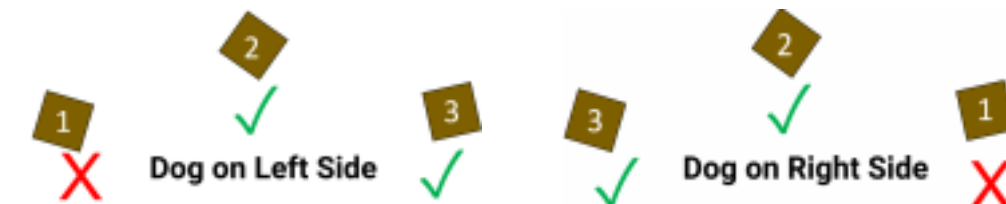
- ☐ Searched in Box 1 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 2 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 3 first.
- ☐ Didn't search in any box.
- ☐ Something went wrong.
- ☐ My dog is not enjoying this activity, and we need to stop.



Round 6

On Round 6, your dog will NOT be allowed to eat from Box 1 during baiting but will be allowed to eat from Box 2 and Box 3 immediately. Please indicate the first box your dog searched in:

- ☐ Searched in Box 1 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 2 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 3 first.
- ☐ Didn't search in any box.
- ☐ Something went wrong.
- ☐ My dog is not enjoying this activity, and we need to stop.



Round 7

On Round 7, your dog will NOT be allowed to eat from Box 3 during baiting but will be allowed to eat from Box 1 and Box 2 immediately. Please indicate the first box your dog searched in:

- ☐ Searched in Box 1 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 2 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 3 first.
- ☐ Didn't search in any box.
- ☐ Something went wrong.
- ☐ My dog is not enjoying this activity, and we need to stop.



Round 8

On Round 8, your dog will NOT be allowed to eat from Box 2 during baiting but will be allowed to eat from Box 1 and Box 3 immediately. Please indicate the first box your dog searched in:

- ☐ Searched in Box 1 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 2 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 3 first.
- ☐ Didn't search in any box.
- ☐ Something went wrong.
- ☐ My dog is not enjoying this activity, and we need to stop.



Round 9

On Round 9, your dog will NOT be allowed to eat from Box 1 during baiting but will be allowed to eat from Box 2 and Box 3 immediately. Please indicate the first box your dog searched in:

- ☐ Searched in Box 1 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 2 first.
- ☐ Searched in Box 3 first.
- ☐ Didn't search in any box.
- ☐ Something went wrong.
- ☐ My dog is not enjoying this activity, and we need to stop.



IMPORTANT: Please return to your portal, open the 1-2-3 Treat: Play the Game task, and enter your dog's responses there so that they can be recorded in our records.