



Cardinal Animal Hospital

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TEACHING OFF

Procedure:

1. Present a piece of food to get the pet's attention, say "OK" in a friendly tone of voice and give the food.
2. Present another piece of food and say "OFF" in a firm tone of voice, but do not yell.
 - a. If the puppy doesn't make contact with your hand or the food for two seconds, say, "OK" and give the food.
 - b. If the puppy touches your hand before the two seconds pass and before you say "OK", immediately yell "OFF" loud enough to make the puppy back away without frightening it. Be dramatic, lean toward the puppy, make eye contact, and give a forceful command.
 - c. Repeat; gradually increase the time the puppy has to wait.
3. Once the puppy learns to back away from food on command, practice the above exercise using only your hand. Later, repeat the exercise when the puppy is in more excited moods.
4. Work toward the puppy not taking food, or touching your hand, no matter how tasty the treat or how your hand is moving, once you have said "OFF".
5. You must practice every day to attain a dependable response.

We hope this information will be helpful. Our professionals here will continue striving to provide outstanding care for you and your pet. Thank you for your business and please contact us if you have any further questions or concerns. Cardinal Animal Hospital