

« BANG ! YOU'RE DEAD! »

1. Say « DOWN » to the dog, and give him the command « YOU'RE DEAD! ». Place your hand on the head of your dog to simulate a gun to his temple, and push away the dog's head on the ground.
2. Wait a few seconds; release the dog with the cue « O.K. », and congratulate the dog if he remains in position. If the dog raises his head, give him the VC « HEY! ». Repeat the command
3. When the dog understands the command as you place the « GUN » (your hand) on his temple, you can practice these commands at a distance. Tell him « YOU'RE DEAD!; wait until the dog positions himself. This done, release the command with the cue « O.K. » and congratulate him. If the dog doesn't respond correctly, ignore him, then give him the command once more, up to five repetitions. If he still doesn't respond, cease the exercise.

NOTES : The best time to practice this trick is after a training session or physical activity, when he is tired. The dog will be pre-disposed to play dead and rest. In order to reach the point when the dog can « PLAY DEAD » at a distance, make him « PLAY DEAD » with your help, and terminate the training session with the command from a distance.