

## «THERE'S A BISCUIT ON YOUR NOSE! »

Begin this trick in a seated position, once the dog has done it correctly; do the trick when he goes « UP ».

1. Say « DON'T MOVE! » to calm the dog; keep his head immobile by holding his nose in a position that fosters balance of the biscuit. Select a biscuit that is just the right size for this trick. When the dog keeps his head still and in the right angle, congratulate him.
2. In order to avoid that the dog eat the biscuit at lightning speed, use something else besides food. Place any (safe) object that can be maintained on the dog's nose, and wait a few seconds. If the dog keeps the object in place for a few seconds, congratulate him heartily, and release him from the command by giving the cue « O.K. ». The dog may then catch the object. Gradually increase the time the dog must maintain the object in balance. Ignore the dog if he drops the object.
3. When the dog feels comfortable with an object, you can use food. If the dog lacks patience, put the biscuit in clear plastic wrapping. A dog that attempts to eat the biscuit before you have given him the release cue « O.K. » should get the VC « HEY! », and the biscuit should be promptly removed. When the dog's performance is good with the biscuit wrapped, try it without wrapping.
4. When the dog can do the trick in the seated position, he can now do it while going « UP! ». You say « Want a biscuit? Yes? UP! THERE'S A BISCUIT ON YOUR NOSE! » « O.K., TAKE IT – GOOD !»