



## Don't touch

It is easy to make the dog understand that an object is off limits, and that he must not touch it by using the command "DON'T TOUCH". The game "Good toy, bad toy" aims at showing the dog that there are objects he may touch, and others which he may not.

1. Place one or two "appropriate" objects on the floor, leaving sufficient space in between. Add an "illegal" object such as a book, a shoe, a remote control, an electric wire, a garbage bag, a thumb tack, etc.



2. When the dog goes towards an acceptable object and takes it, give him the SR "SOUND + GOOD!" and play with him. Give him the command "GIVE", and replace the object on the floor. If the dog goes towards the unacceptable object, tell him "DON'T TOUCH". If the dog goes for it anyway, give him the VW "HEY! + SHORT SPRAY". If he picks up the object, give him the VW "HEY! + SHORT SPRAY" again. In an authentic situation where you see your dog picking up a shoe, give him the command "DON'T TOUCH". Congratulate him (SR "SOUND + GOOD!") if he doesn't return towards the object in the two minutes that follow.

3. Practice this exercise every day by using all sorts of forbidden objects. He will quickly learn to recognize them, and will avoid them when he hears "DON'T TOUCH". Place a few objects all over the house, and watch for the dog's reactions. Practice when your dog thinks you are absent. Trigger the spray without the command to make him understand that the object is always off limits even if you

are out of sight.

