

« TAKE »

The dog can be brought to like taking objects like this :

1. Take an old towel or a rope.
2. Place the rope in front of the dog's head, and give the command « TAKE ». When the dog takes the object, congratulate him. If he doesn't, ignore him. Shake the rope and incite him to take it. Do not use the spray for this type of training; this way, the dog will certainly take the object because it is fun to do so.
3. Put the rope on the ground and give him the command « TAKE ». If the dog reacts correctly, congratulate him. Otherwise, ignore him and don't give him any reward.

You can teach this exercise in just a few hours. When your dog starts picking up objects, a set of related tricks can be added to this manoeuvre. For example, if you drop something on the floor, there is no need to bend down; just ask your dog!