

ELEMENT DOG TRAINING

Generalizing a Behavior

- Generalizing a Behavior is the process of ensuring your dog will perform the behavior in any environment
 - Dogs can be very context specific which means that a behavior learned in the house may only be applicable for the dog in the house
- To generalize a behavior, we need to practice behaviors in a variety of different locations with a variety of distractions
- Expect to have to start the learning process over each time a new variable is introduced -> Going back to the basics of luring combined with **Mark and Reward** for the behavior.
- Each time you successfully teach the behavior in a new environment the dog will start to perform the behavior regardless of the context it's performed in.
 - Luckily, the time it takes to learn the behavior will decrease in each new environment
- Continue to train in new, novel, environments until the behavior is reliably performed any time it is requested

