

# ELEMENT DOG TRAINING

## Find It

- Definition
  - Teaches the dog to find an object throw by the owner
- Purpose
  - Engages your dog's foraging instinct and supports recall
- Process
  - Stand in front of your dog
  - Show the dog a treat or some food
  - Say "Find It" then toss the treat 2-3 feet from your dog. Make sure the food stays visible for the entire toss
  - Recall the dog or wait for it to reengage with you and repeat
  - Start to vary the distance, direction, or surface that the treat is thrown
    - Tossing into something like short grass create a fun exploration activity
- Work on generalizing the behavior by practicing in different environments
- [YouTube video of Find It](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJ_OjF5yU5s)
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- Common mistakes when teaching touch:
  - Throwing the treat to far away or in to difficult an environment
  - Using a treat that isn't interesting enough for your dog to pick up
  - Increasing the difficulty too quickly. Moving too fast make the food to hard to find and stop being fun for your dog

