HOW TO MAT TRAIN

Imagine that instead of a dog who jumps at the dinner table or barks at the front door, your dog learnt to lie quietly on their mat.

The benefit of a mat is that you can take it with you when you go out. The mat becomes a cue to settle and be calm, which is perfect for a café trip or visiting friends.



Stand one step away from the mat and use a treat to lure your dog onto the mat.

As soon as your dog steps onto the mat say "yes" and give treat.



When your dog is on the mat ask for a "sit" or "down". Continue to practice until your dog settles down automatically.



Add a verbal cue such as "mat" and point to the mat.

As soon as your dog steps onto the mat say "yes" and give a treat.



You can help encourage calm while your dog is on the mat by rewarding with a long-lasting chew.

