



## Tricks & Training

### General Trick Training Tips

- Make sure your dog is paying 100% attention to you before starting training. SCHMACKOS will help with this
- Use small, bite-sized pieces of SCHMACKOS to reward your dog. Pre-prepare them if necessary, so you can reward good behaviour faster
- Give lots of praise
- Stay positive - dog training should be fun for both of you
- Keep your sessions short and full of smiles - 15minutes maximum
- Be patient, some dogs take longer than others
- If your dog's not in the mood, do something else
- Speak firmly and consistently, and never with anger or frustration
- Always end your session on a positive note – get your dog to successfully perform a trick, praise him, then reward him... with a SCHMACKOS of course

### Crawl

Why just get your dog to “lie down” when you can get them to “crawl”. It’s like lying, only faster. Awesome.

Recommended training treat – SCHMACKOS Liver Treats

Degree of WACKOness – 3.5/5

1. Get your dog to lie down.
2. Now kneel next to your down dog with a SCHMACKOS.
3. Hold the SCHMACKOS in your hand, just in front of his nose, and get him to lean towards it.
4. If he's popping up, use your free hand to gently keep his body in a crawling position. Also, the treat may be too far from his nose. Start small.
5. Now gradually increase the distance he has to lean forward to sniff the treat. As he begins to creep forward on his stomach after it, add your verbal command “crawl”.
6. Repeat until your dog starts to get the idea of crawling on his stomach without the help of your hand.
7. Next place the treat a few feet in front of your dog's nose and trace your finger along the floor towards it, whilst saying the command; “crawl”.
8. And finally, practise without tracing your finger and simply getting him to “crawl” to the SCHMACKOS. Ace.



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### Shake Hands

Start your puppy on this classic trick, and then your friends will always refer to your dog as “the polite hand shaking one”.

Recommended training treat – My First SCHMACKOS Puppy Treats

Degree of WACKOness – 2/5

1. Sit facing your puppy.
2. Rest your hand next to his shoulder and gently press so he can keep balance.
3. Take his paw in your opposite hand and say; “shake hands”.
4. Reward him with a treat – My First SCHMACKOS Puppy Treats are perfect as *they are small, pre-portioned* and absolutely SCHMACKOlicious.
5. Repeat until your puppy raises his hand perfectly on command.

### Tail Chase

Dogs often chase their tail, usually when there are no possums to bark at. But can you get your dog to ‘chase tail’ on command? With a SCHMACKOS you can.

Recommended training treat – SCHMACKOS STRAPZ

Degree of WACKOness – 3/5

1. Hold a SCHMACKOS in front of your dog’s nose.
2. Slowly begin to move the SCHMACKOS around your dog’s body at tail height.
3. As your dog chases the treat say; “chase tail”.
4. Reward your dog with the SCHMACKOS and repeat.
5. Then practise doing the trick with the same gesture but without the treat.
6. Then practise the trick by just saying the command; “chase tail”.
7. And remember, when your dog’s mastered it, make sure you finish the session with a SCHMACKOS.



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### Speak

Does your dog think he's a human? Take it a step further and teach him to speak. Start with an easy word like 'woof'. Click to find out how.

Recommended training treat – SCHMACKOS STRAPZ

Degree of WACKOness – 4/5

1. Get your dog to sit.
2. Hold a SCHMACKOS just out of your dog's sniffing range. This will tempt and excite him.
3. Now place the SCHMACKOS behind your back and wait for your dog to bark.
4. Just before he barks say; "speak". Praise his bark, and give him a treat.
5. Now repeat. Hide the SCHMACKOS behind your back. Say "speak" repeatedly until he barks, then praise him and treat him.
6. Eventually you won't need to hide the SCHMACKOS. You'll just need to say the word; "speak".
7. It's always good to add a gesture to your verbal command. Try this one... when you say "speak", open your hand in a quacking motion. Soon the hand gesture will be enough to trigger the trick.

### Roll Over

A slightly more impressive dog trick than 'fetch', but not quite as impressive as 'mow the lawn'. Roger loves this trick.

Recommended dog treat – SCHMACKOS STIX

Degree of WACKOness – 2/5

1. Get your dog to "drop" and lie on his side.
2. Hold a SCHMACKOS STIX near the side of his mouth.
3. As he rolls his head towards it, move the treat further away so that he rolls over on his back and into a complete roll.
4. When he does a complete roll, praise him and reward him with a SCHMACKOS STIX.



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### **Beg**

When times get tough it's reassuring to know that your dog can earn his own keep. Teach him to beg and the world's his SCHMACKOS flavoured oyster.

Recommended training treat – SCHMACKOS Liver Treats

Degree of WACKOness – 2/5

1. Begin with your dog in the “sit” and “stay” position
2. Hold a SCHMACKOS just above his nose so he has to look up at the treat.
3. As your dog reaches with his mouth, raise the treat higher until he's sitting on his hind legs, with both front paws off the ground.
4. Now reinforce the action with the verbal command “beg”, and quickly reward with the SCHMACKOS.
5. And repeat.

Troubleshooting Tip: If your dog jumps before begging, pull the treat away and say; “no”. Then reset with “sit” and try again.

### **WACKO WALK**

This trick is really awesome! It involves your dog weaving in and out of your legs as you walk. Cool huh? This trick is all about teamwork with your dog and could take some time (and balance for you) to learn. Click to find out how.

Recommended training treat – SCHMACKOS STRAPZ

Degree of WACKOness – 5/5

1. Start with your dog standing or sitting on your left side.
2. Take a step forward with your right foot. Hold a SCHMACKOS treat behind your right leg and encourage your dog to move between your legs. Give lots of praise and reward with a SCHMACKOS treat. (Nervous dogs might need encouragement to do this)
3. Once your dog gets the hang of walking between your legs in one direction say the cue “WACKO Walk” as your dog does it.
4. Now as your dog moves between your legs, offer another SCHMACKOS treat to get your dog to walk in front of your body.
5. Then step onto your left leg (in an exaggerated walk) and say “WACKO Walk”, and encourage your dog to walk between your legs the other way. It sounds more complicated than it is. Continue to reward with SCHMACKOS treats until your dog gets the hang of the ‘WACKO Walk’.



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### **STAY**

Teaching your dog to 'stay', regardless of the temptation, is an essential trick to master. So click below, start practising, and before you know it your hound will be staying like a staying world champion – whatever that is.

Recommended training treat – SCHMACKOS Liver Treats

Degree of WACKOness – 2/5

1. Put your dog's leash on.
2. With the leash in your right hand, and the dog on your left side, get your dog to sit.
3. Give the command "stay" in a firm voice.
4. Step forward with your right foot and turn to face your dog, holding the leash straight up so that the leash and collar are high on the dog's neck.
5. Face the dog for a few seconds then return to his side.
6. Practice for ten minutes each day, gradually backing away from your dog to the full extent of his leash.
7. Praise him each time he stays on command, and reward him with a SCHMACKOS Liver Treat.
8. Now you can start increasing the temptation. Use a long lead at first so you can correct when necessary, without having to give chase!

### **FETCH**

Let's be honest, a dog needs to know how to fetch. Otherwise, who's going to play ball with you in the park? But here's the thing, once they've mastered the ball, just imagine what else they can fetch – firewood, \$20 notes, rare ABBA albums? Let's get started.

Recommended training treat – SCHMACKOS STIX

Degree of WACKOness – 2.5/5

1. Gather a number of your dog's favourite balls and some SCHMACKOS STIX.
2. With a ball in one hand, and a STIX in the other, get your dog to sit.
3. Gently toss the ball a few feet away with the command "fetch".
4. As your dog brings the ball back reward him with a SCHMACKOS STIX.
5. Repeat the exercise with a different ball, and gradually increase the distance.



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### **CROSS THE ROAD**

For some reason dogs seem to lack common sense when it comes to roads. So it's SCHMACKOS to the rescue with some basic 'crossing the road' safety training. When there's treats involved the hounds soon learn the rules. Recommended training treat – SCHMACKOS Chew Strips

Degree of WACKOness – 1/5

1. Put your dog on a choker chain and walk him to the edge of the footpath, facing the traffic.
2. If he pulls away to bark at cars, tug him back and reprimand him.
3. Before crossing the road, command your dog to "sit".
4. Pause until the road is clear.
5. Say "walk", and cross the road.
6. If your dog goes to cross the road ahead of you, pull him back to your side; "heel".
7. When he crosses correctly, praise him and reward him with SCHMACKOS Chew Strips.

### **JUMP**

Ah, jumping. Every dog loves to jump. Imagine being able to harness that power by turning your dog into a trick-jumping machine. Start with low walls, progress to obstacles, and end with flaming hoops of fire on national TV! Recommended training treat – SCHMACKOS Chew Strips

Degree of WACKOness – 5/5

1. Find a low wall or log for your dog to jump.
2. Give him the command to "sit".
3. Step over to the other side of the obstacle and say "over".
4. Gently tug at his leash.
5. Repeat this until he does it on command only, and without a lead.
6. As he completes each exercise, praise him and reward him with SCHMACKOS Chew Strips