

## Magic Eyes

It is important that your dog learns to pay close attention to you. The following games make this skill fun and easy to teach.

### Capture Method

Start this game by finding a quiet place. Every time your dog looks you in the eye, click and treat. Pretend the clicker is a camera shutter and you are taking a picture of your dog looking at your eyes.

After he starts looking at your eyes every time you have the clicker, go to more distracting places. Practice around children playing on skateboards. Play this game around other dogs or other distractions. Next, begin saying your **verbal cue** ("Watch me" or his name) just before you click. Gradually begin saying it when he is not watching you. Click and treat when he looks at you.

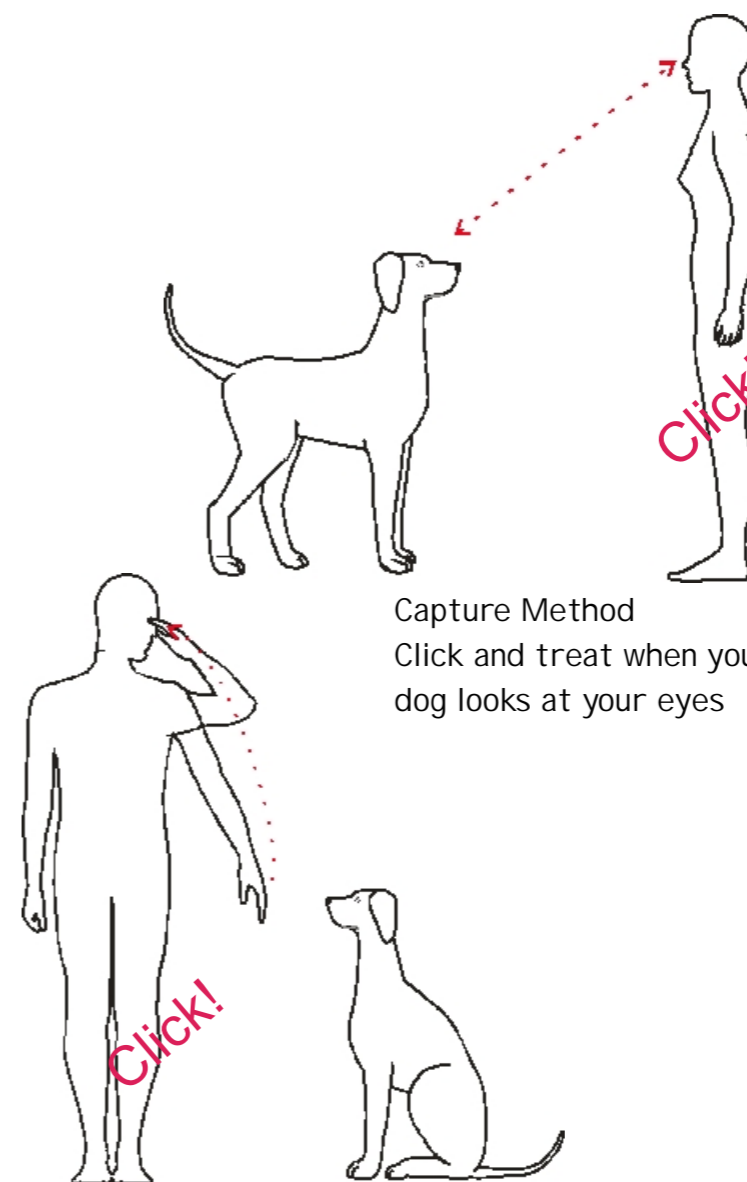
### Magnet Method

Put a treat in one hand and the clicker in the other. Move the hand with the treat up to your eyes. When your dog looks up toward your eyes, click and give him the treat. After doing this about five times, move your hand to your eyes without the treat in it. Click and treat when your dog looks at your eyes.

You don't need to teach your dog a verbal cue with this method. Your hand motion becomes a signal to your dog.

Note: See more information on **cues** on page 182.

Uses:  
Keeping your  
dog's attention



Capture Method  
Click and treat when your  
dog looks at your eyes

- Magnet Method
1. Use food in your hand to lure your dog into looking at your eyes
  2. Click and treat
  3. After five repetitions use an empty hand