

## **Target Training Dogs at the Cage Front**

Needed Supplies: Clicker (or word like “click”, treats, and some kind of target (you can use your open palm, a tennis ball on a stick, a plastic disc, etc.).

### Procedure:

When at front of the kennel of a quiet dog - present the target and CLICK when the dog moves to sniff the target (which he/she will do because dogs usually sniff things presented to them) and then give the treat. Then move the target to a new location and CLICK and treat when the dog moves to touch his/her nose to the target again. Target with the dog 3-4 times and go to the next dog.

### Benefits:

This procedure provides the dog with mental stimulation because he/she has to learn how to get you to click the clicker (to touch the target with his/her nose). It is social stimulation because it is an activity that you are doing with the dog. And the bonus is that it allows the dog to interact with a person at the front of the kennel in a more positive way.