

## **In-House Behavior Modification Protocol**

### **Click for Quiet**

*The point of this procedure is to reduce the barking in the dog kennels. This is a very easy program to implement but it requires a commitment. The program works best when as many staff members and volunteers as possible participate on a daily basis.*

Needed supplies: Clicker and treats

#### Procedure:

Walk up to the front of a dog's kennel - if the dog doesn't bark at you - CLICK the clicker and deliver the treat. Then go to the next dog.

If a dog barks at you when you approach the kennel - simply walk away. Do not wait for the dog to stop barking and do not say anything - just walk away. We want the dog to learn that barking chases you (and your treats) away.

Do this procedure for every dog in the room every day. Soon you will see more and more dogs being quiet when someone approaches the front of their kennel.

### **Quiet + Look at person + Sit**

Once a dog is doing well with click for quiet - you can require more from the dog before you click and treat. Wait to see if the quiet dog looks up at you when you approach - CLICK and treat.

Next you can wait for a few seconds to see if the quiet dog who is looking up at you also sits (do not cue the dog to sit). If the dog sits - CLICK and treat. Many dogs will sit when they don't know what else to do to earn a treat - you will be capturing this behavior in those dogs.