

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

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

### Procedure:

While in 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** when the dog moves and touches his/her nose to the target again and then give the treat. Keep moving the target around, clicking and treating each nose touch. The session should only last 5 minutes or less.

### Benefits:

This procedure provides the dog with mental stimulation because he/she learns that touching the target earns treats. It provides social stimulation because it is an activity that you are doing with the dog. It also teaches the dog a more positive way to interact with someone standing at the cage front.