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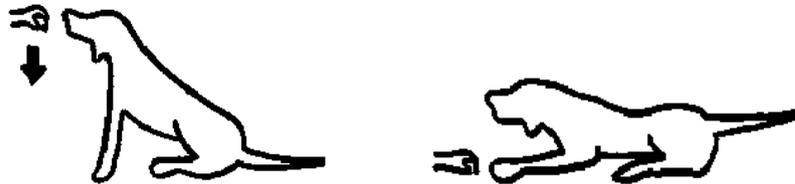
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LIE DOWN

It is easier to teach the lie down command when the dog starts in the sit position see Sit Handout. Then at least half the body is where you want it and you just have to work on the front half. When the dog knows the command lie down they will do it straight from a stand. From the sit position:

1. Say "Puppy, lie down!"



2. Hold a treat between your fingers and thumb and wiggle it under the puppy's nose. Lower the treat straight to the floor until it is about one inch in front of the puppy's front paws. Keep the nose attached. Hold the treat there until the puppy lies on it. Do not move the treat forward along the floor otherwise the puppy will lift its bottom and get up to follow the treat. If the puppy stands up, make them sit again and repeat until it lies down. If the puppy lifts its bottom the treat is too far forward. If the puppy shuffles backwards the treat is too close to its body.
3. When the puppy lies down say "Good lie down" and give the puppy the treat. Make sure that the elbows are on the floor. Only release the treat when the puppy is in the lie down position. If they get up make them lie down again before releasing the treat.
4. When your puppy is reliably lying down when you say, then start to use an empty hand to lower to the floor and "magic" a treat. When the puppy lies down give them a treat from your other hand.
5. Start to lower your hand but stop before you touch the floor saying "lie down". If successful, lower your hand less and less until it is a small downward motion.

