



# THE NOSE KNOWS

## **MATERIALS:**

- A DOG
- SMALL DOG TREATS
- ONE (1) SHOE BOX
- SHREDDED NEWSPAPER



### **PROCEDURE:**

- 1. Show the treat to your dog. Then close the treat in your fist, hiding it from the dog.
- 2. Put your hands behind your back. Now show both fists, palms up. Say "Look!" and then your dog's name and then "Look!" again.
- 3. When the correct hand is sniffed, open your fist and let your dog have the treat. Be sure to pet and praise your dog.
- **4.** Repeat steps 2 and 3, but this time, show your fists palm down (this makes it harder to smell). What happens?
- 5. Take another treat and put it on top of shredded newspaper in a shoe box. Then say "Look!" and then your pet's name and then "Look!" again. Did your dog find the treat?

#### WHAT THIS MEANS:

Dogs have a remarkable sense of smell. They often bury bones to save them for later. This is also why dogs are often used by search and rescue teams. Sniffing a small piece of clothing is often the only clue a well-trained dog needs to follow a scent and locate a lost person.

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