



Guide Dogs for the Blind

Paw Pad Games – Dropped Food

Once the puppy is comfortable and motivated to stay on the Paw Pad (usually after a number of Paw Pad Game #2 sessions) the Dropped Food games can be introduced. It is inevitable that food rewards will be dropped when working with a puppy and this is a great time to introduce impulse control around food. The Paw Pad will “anchor” the pup due to the high rate of reinforcement the puppy has experienced on the Paw Pad.

This 3-part instructional video series shows raisers how to teach puppies impulse control around dropped kibble.

Part 1: The first stage of training with a skilled assistant: <https://youtu.be/ZoRiHjoSPDc>

Part 2: The progression to the raiser purposefully dropping food: <https://youtu.be/wDnTyaGS6-A>

Part 3: The final stage of training where the raiser can drop food without needing an assistant to pick up the kibble: <https://youtu.be/SGQ9je2a4Z0>