

## **TOUCH**

The following information has been adapted from Dr. Brenda Griffin's [Playing Games with Shelter Dogs](#)

This is the behavior we want to shape: the dog seeks your outstretched hand—and it is a fun and positive experience!

### **What to do:**

- 1) Teach the dog to touch your hand.
- 2) Hold the palm of your hand near his face. Wait for him to touch it with his nose, and then give him a treat.
- 3) Keep your hand still once it is near his face. Do not reward mouthing. As he learns this, gradually put your hand in other positions so he has to move to touch it.

Building on the foundation of touch and/or following your hand, introduce [LIFT](#) and [SPIN](#)