

Teaching To Use A Bell To Go Outside

You can use a set of Christmas bells or even a desk type bell. The desk type ones seems to be easier for some dogs.

At first I just want you to lay the bells or desk bell in front of your dog. Every time she either shows interest or touches them reward her with something yummy.

Once she/he has caught on to this pick the bells up (if you are using Christmas bells) carefully place your finger over the desk bell button and have her touch the bells or your finger and reward when she does.

I would definitely work with her near the door where the bells have been hung or the desk bell place. Once your dog is able to touch the bell on cue, make sure that the door gets opened straight away. Let her out and reward. Start the game again.

So basically what we are doing is a) getting her to associate that touching the bell means something good, then we are going to take it to the next level where the touching the bells means the door gets opened.