

Treasure Hunt

This game burns physical & mental energy, is great for bad weather days, older dogs, or dogs that don't like crowded parks, and is wonderful for bonding and relationship building.

Know your dog and use safe materials and hiding spaces.

No matter the size of your home or dog this can be an exciting and active game. Use all rooms, closets, and get creative!

The general bones of the game are to use the element of surprise and traverse many rooms or just a few rooms multiple times. You are playing as partners, sharing in the fun with your pup!

Hide 10 treats in an area, together find five and then run to the next space where you've hidden a special toy to play with briefly before resuming the hunt!



Then run to the next room where you've smeared a tiny bit of peanut butter on the inside or outside of the tub or cabinet door.

Look there's a towel with treats hidden in it!



Tomorrow the towel won't be there, but a box may be with packing peanuts and mini marshmallows (Yes! A few won't hurt, and they're something different).

Other Ideas: Smear surfaces like a tub, dishwasher, refrigerator, or some cabinets with peanut butter, soft cheese or baby food. Use elevation as an element of surprise. Instead of treats, hide a treat dispensing toy or a Kong they can play with. Create a maze in a larger room with boots, pans, boxes, luggage, chairs or anything else you may have handy.

Here is an example of how to use 4 rooms and 2 closets for 3 rounds of hunting:

