

Teaching Your Canine Superstar to "Faint"



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Part 1: Setting the Scene

Choose from one below!

Romantic Comedy: "Love at First Splat"

Your dog spots their crush (maybe a favorite human or squeaky toy) and swoons into a faint—thump! down they go in the name of love!

Scene idea: "They locked eyes... and it was too much. Faint."

Sci-Fi: "Malfunctioning Robot Pup"

Your dog is a space explorer or a robo-dog whose systems get overloaded and they dramatically shut down.

Scene idea: "Mission error... BZZZT... must reboot... faint!"

Documentary Reenactment: "Historical Hound Down!"

Recreate a famous fainting moment in history—think "Victorian lady with smelling salts" or a dramatic faint from an old-timey actor.

Scene idea: "1863: Lady Barkington hears the mailman is late... faints from shock!"

Mystery/Thriller: "The Great Distraction"

Plot twist alert! Your dog dramatically faints just as something sneaky happens—diverting attention from the real action (like stealing a toy or sneaking into the treat jar!).

Scene idea: "While everyone was watching the faint... the cat made her move."



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Part Two: Training the Faint!

Start with “Down”



Ask your dog to down. Reward them with a yummy treat.

Lure into a Side Flop

Use a treat near their nose and slowly move it toward their elbow to encourage them to roll slightly onto one side. Click/treat when their head and body follow. Next move the treat to the ribs to encourage a full blown flop on the side. Click and treat!

Once your pup naturally flops over a bit, even just a head tilt or shoulder drop, mark it (“Yes!” or click) and reward!

Gradually wait a second or two before rewarding, so your pup learns to hold the position like a true drama queen/king.

Once they’re consistently flopping over, add your cue (like “Oh nooo!”). Say the cue first, then lure. Eventually, fade the lure and just use the cue!

Try using your hands to dramatically clutch your heart and say “Oh nooo!” for some hilarious theatrics. Bonus points if your dog sighs.



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SHOWTIME!

Film your pup's most dramatic faint and post it during Academy Award Week. We can't wait to see those over-the-top performances! Need help, contact us at:



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