STEP BY STEP
INSTRUCTIONS

Flirty, Give & Take
Vet Table Play: Add in touching & husbandry

1 START THE GAME ON THE TABLE

- With your dog on the vet table, use a toy to start a fun game of chase and tug.
- Move it around, tease them with it and let them engage.



2 BRING YOURSELF INTO THE PLAY

- Use your voice, facial expressions and body movement to keep the game social and fun.
- We want your dog interacting with YOU, not just the toy.



3 ADD LITTLE TOUCHES

- While your dog is happily playing, begin adding brief touches around their body.
- Boop, touch chest, side, legs, paws or around the face. Touch, then go straight back into play.



4 PAUSE & ASK FOR SOMETHING

- Every so often, stop the game and ask your dog for something simple they already know.
- Sit, stand, eye contact, etc.
- Toy still, ask for "ta" by walking one hand up under their chin, gently pistol grip underneath the jaw and guide the toy out of their mouth, the moment they let go say "Ta".
- Once they do it, immediately bring the game back to life!



5 GIVE & TAKE

- Let your dog win the toy, take some control again, then give it back.
- Think flirty, give and take – sometimes you have the toy, sometimes your dog does.
- Keep the game flowing.



6 MIX IT ALL TOGETHER

- Play, touch, pause, ask, play again.
- Add in little touches, boops, facial expressions, tugging and moments where they win.
- Keep touches short and stay within what your dog is comfortable with.







THE GOAL!

We are beginning to pair **BEING ON A VET TABLE, BEING HANDLED** and **RESPONDING TO YOU** with play and positive interaction.

Over time, we can build these little touches and pauses into the types of handling and cooperation your dog may experience during grooming, husbandry and veterinary care.