

# Training the Send Out

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There's nothing more beautiful to me than an exercise correctly performed on the trial field, and the IPO Obedience send out when performed correctly is one of the most beautiful Obedience exercises to see.

This is how I train the send out. Before I train the send out, my dog must have a very dependable down from any distance. This can be accomplished by repeated down commands all over the training field at different distances. I start at close distance and increase the distance until I can do the send out from at least 50 paces.

After this is done, and the dog downs dependably, I start training the send out. I start with a small heeling exercise, then I place a toy at the end of my fence, following the heeling path and place the toy up on a post. I walk away about ten paces with dog in heeling position, turn around facing the fence and then I walk 4 paces with the dog in heel position, stop, point towards the toy and send the dog to the fence I use "go out". Once the dog makes it to the fence, I give the dog the down command, once the dog is down, I walk towards the dog remove the toy, tell the dog "Sit" count 5 seconds then tell the dog "free" and play with the dog and the toy. Repeat this exercise for 4-5 times and then I play with the dog, I only give the toy if the performance is correct each time, if not correct the dog doesn't get the toy.

Increase the distance little by little until you have the distance about 50 paces. Then comes the tricky part, remove the toy, the behavior should be there and it becomes second nature for the dog to go out and down at your command, after this I play with the dog. Once this is done and my dog learns the send out, I incorporate it to my Obedience exercises, practicing it every other day and never in a full pattern.