



# Strategies to Head Off Resource Guarding

- Don't take something away from the dog directly.
- As much as possible, manage the environment so that it is unlikely that the dog will get something forbidden.
- Call your dog **AWAY** from the object in order to offer a higher value trade

## Training FOR the situation:

- Play Toy Switch (for the flexibility of mind that will allow your dog to change gears on request)
- Play disengagement games (e.g., Disengagement pattern)
- If the dog chooses a particular forbidden object often (e.g., socks), play "It's Yer Choice" with that object in multiple places and contexts.
- Shape the trick, "Bring me," in which the dog picks up an object and delivers it to your hand.