

RING ENTRY PROTOCOL <https://youtu.be/NLSVv1v6hNo>

I. Prepare for Ring Entry:

A ring can be a regular ring setup, or can just have 2 things to represent a ring entry – jump wings, 2 baby gates, 2 chairs, etc.

Warm up dog. (see below)

Go near ring entry (10' - 15') and warm up dog before entering the ring.

Don't enter the ring or train if warm-up doesn't work. Your dog is telling you something.

II. Ring Entry Protocol (once dog is warmed up)

(Explode means to have a party with your dog - play/scatter food on floor/hand touches, tug toy, etc.)

1. Enter ring – Dog should continue to pay attention to you and not be distracted by ring barriers. If distracted, backup a few steps and then continue to enter ring. You may need to do this several times. Don't continue if it's not working. It will, in time.
2. Once dog enters ring easily (you're not asking for a sit yet) without being distracted or concerns -- **Explode**. Stay there a while after explode to praise your dog, then leave the ring/area.
3. Enter ring a 2nd time with same criteria #1 & #2. After you enter the ring, stop. If the dog doesn't sit when you stop, ask dog to sit. Then **Explode!** And do the same as before.
4. If there's time, 3rd time in ring: Add a person (judge/steward) inside the ring. After entering ring, and dog sits, from a distance (8-10') Person will say "Are you Ready?" You will then **explode**. Then same as before.
5. If there's a 4th time in the ring: Person will say "Are you Ready?" - You will answer- Person will say "Forward". **Explode!!!**

WARM UP DOG

1. Away from crate, place a few pieces of food on ground without dropping food. If dog gets it and looks at you- Click & Treat (C/T). If not, don't do step 2. *Take a break. Your dog isn't ready to work with you.*
2. After #1 is successful... Offer food in hand – if dog gets it and looks at you- C/T. If not, start with step 1 again. Or take a break.
3. (Do after dog can do 1 & 2) Ask for a simple behavior (sit, down, etc.) – if dog looks at you C/T (dog ready for ring)
- 4 (optional) Ask for a more difficult behavior – when dog looks at you, C/T (dog ready for ring or to continue to work.)