

Deb Duncan's response to a question regarding a hearing test:

It definitely could be still swollen and if ear damage, he may be able to hear certain sounds and not others...and even that would be affected by other noises. Very much like human hearing when it is diminishing.

Okay, you have a few things set out...like a set of keys, a metal pan with a metal utensil beside it, a coke unopened, can or bottle, a piece of foil, metal can with a couple of coins or nails in it. Things like that. Then it is just him...so, he isn't reacting to the girls. Gradually go through the items, or have them out and when he is lying down or watching something else...get one of them and do it...open the can or bottle, crinkle the foil, hit the metal pan, drop the set of keys (on floor and on rug).

One other thing that is neat...if you stop by one of those dollar places...in the toy section where they have things that make noise...there will be a toy or a couple that have buttons on them...a mini remote type of thing...and small buttons and you press each button and it makes a different sound effect. Not real loud, but good enough. I use these for sound socialization for young pups....along with lots of other things...LOL...

Okay, when he is lying down near your chair...hit one of the buttons. Have your eyes on his ears. If he jumps up...you know he heard it. BUT< watch those ears and see if either or both of them have any reaction. Many times dogs hear something but because of being around TV's don't really react to them...BUT< those ears will move...those are the hearing cones. OHHH, and definitely do this some when he is in your lap!!!!

Also, make funny noises with your mouth...like kids do...LOL...