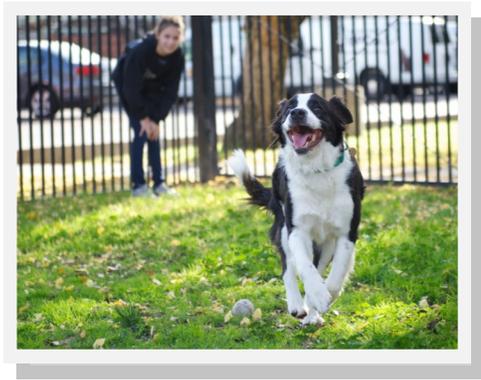




BEHAVIOR & TRAINING



RECALL—COMING WHEN CALLED



Everyone wants their dog to come when called. It's Doggie 101! Nevertheless, this seemingly simple basic of dog training can often be difficult for dog (and human) to master.

Why is recall so important? Besides recall being convenient for the owner, successful recall is extremely important for safety, trust and future training. Think of it as an important foundation of your relationship.

This guide will help you identify and develop the tools you need to successfully recall your furry best friend.

THE FIVE RULES OF RECALL

1. **REWARD** Always REWARD your dog when he/she comes to you. For example, give lots of yummy treats, praise, love and attention as if it was the greatest thing he/she has ever done! By doing this you are building a great association that “coming when called” is the best game ever!
2. **POSITIVE ASSOCIATIONS ONLY** With that said, never punish your dog when he/she comes to you. Punishment for a dog can be anything from scolding, crating, leaving the dog park, or clipping them up from off-leash freedom!
3. **SAY IT ONCE!** Only say your recall word ONCE (e.g. come). That means just one time. If you constantly repeat commands, you are unwittingly conditioning your dog to ignore you the first time.
4. **SET THEM UP FOR SUCCESS** When starting off, recall your dog only when you are positive that he or she will come. For example, if you are just beginning by practicing recalls with your dog indoors, do not expect your dog to come when called at the dog park in the midst of a romp with other dogs. Training happens sometimes quickly and other times slowly, but the more you call him/her, the more he/she will get it right and understand the behavior you are asking for. The ultimate goal is for your dog to come to you no matter what distractions are around!
5. **MAKE IT HAPPEN** Lastly, if you do attempt a recall and your dog does not come, instead of repeating yourself, go make it happen! Be as silly, interesting and fun as you can to entice your dog to follow you! Some methods you can try are kissing noises, clapping your hands, and even running few feet toward your dog, then zooming off for a game of chase. If you are close to your dog, place a treat under his/her nose to lure.

Now that you have some tips, work with your dog. Start off indoors, then outside with your dog leashed. Eventually you can try recall in a safe environment with you dog off leash.